

NEWS SUMMARY

Jobless figures expected to fall

Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, last night predicted that December's jobless figures would reveal a fall in long-term unemployment (Sheila Gann writes).

Tunnel jobs flood

The company which will build the Channel tunnel has been swamped by applicants for jobs (Rodney Cowton writes).

Libel jury Jobless aid police to decide

A jury is expected to decide today whether to award Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, libel damages over allegations in the satirical magazine Private Eye that he tried to buy a postage.

Film 'catastrophe'

The British Film Institute will have to cut its work, for the sixth successive year, because of a cut in the real level of its government grant (Gavin Bell writes).

Princess foils press

Princess Michael of Kent steered clear of controversy yesterday at a launch in London to mark the publication of her new book, Crowned in a Far Country.

Jobless aid police

More than 200 unemployed in Northumbria are to join the police force and help to fight crime.

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Atomic inquiry ends with half tonne of evidence

After 95 days and approximately 3.3 million words of spoken evidence, the public inquiry into a plan by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) and British Nuclear Fuels Ltd (BNFL) to build a £300 million European nuclear reprocessing plant at Dounreay, in the north of Scotland, ended yesterday.

They are effectively competing against France to build the plant which will reprocess fuels from a series of fast reactor power stations planned in France, Germany and the United Kingdom.

children, attended each day of the hearing and, although lacking in any expert knowledge, conducted a case against the proposal. She financed the campaign herself, apart from a £20 donation from an elderly lady and some help from the local anti-nuclear group.

New tax free investments a success, says Lawson

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday laid before Parliament regulations for the new Personal Equity Plans, which will allow private individuals to invest up to £2,400 a year tax free from January 1 next year.

He had costed this out on the basis of £200 million for a winter heating premium, £100 million for a higher Christmas bonus for pensioners, £350 million for new policies on energy and £8 billion for the latest pension increases promised by Mr Michael Meacher, the shadow health minister.

BR contract British Rail Engineering of Derby has won a £6 million contract from British Rail for the heavy overhaul and repair of 200 hopper wagons at its wagon works in Doncaster.



Flooding hit the village of Wear Giffard, north Devon, yesterday as much of the country suffered torrential rain

'Business as usual' in council

A second Unionist-controlled council in Northern Ireland returned to normal business yesterday as unhappiness grew among 'loyalist' councillors with plans for mass resignations from local authorities.

'Arms plot banker was not killed' says Yard

Police have ruled out a murder investigation into the sudden death of an Iranian banker who was the key figure in the world's biggest international arms smuggling operation.

Give tenants leases, says economist

A proposal for reform of the private rented housing sector which would give tenants a tradeable occupancy licence - in other words a lease - is put forward in a pamphlet published today by the Centre for Policy Studies.

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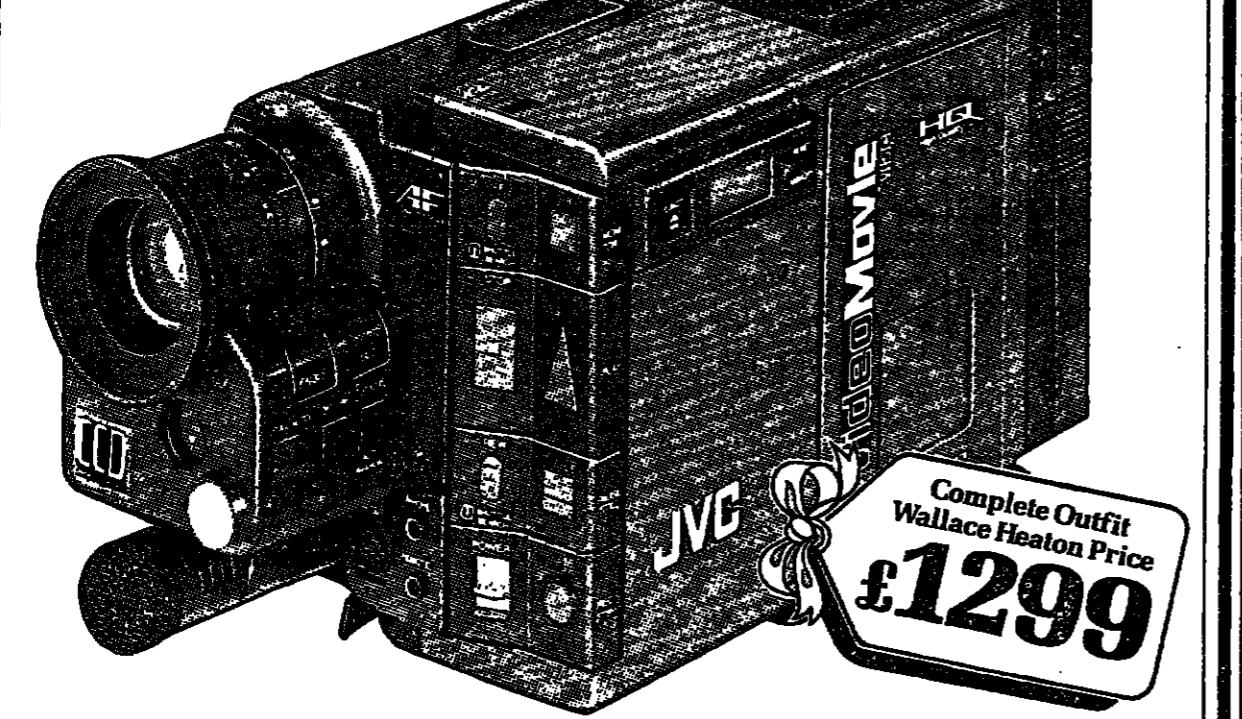
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Police vow to continue search on moors until two bodies are found

By Ian Smith, Northern Correspondent

Police vowed yesterday to continue searching the Yorkshire moors until they find the graves of two missing youngsters who, detectives are now convinced, were victims of Ian Brady and Myra Hindley.

The promise to the mothers of Keith Bennett, aged 12, and Pauline Reade, aged 16, was made yesterday by Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, the joint head of Greater Manchester CID, who is leading the new hunt.

Tactical support units, with dogs trained to detect bodies, will begin their search of Saddleworth Moor at 10am today and will continue until bad weather forces a halt. If that happens then the search will resume in the spring.

Mr John Stalker, Deputy Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, yesterday promised that every facility would be available to those involved in the inquiry.

Mr Stalker is one of only three officers still on the force who took part in the original investigation, which began in 1963 when Brady was arrested after bludgeoning Edward Evans, a teenager, to death.

Mr Stalker said: "We hope this is the beginning of the end... When the original inquiry ended it was always felt there was a certain amount of unfinished business and I am delighted Peter Topping has been able to reopen the inquiry."

"The case is deep in the psyche of most people in this part of the world and it is something that will never go away until we can close the book on the final chapter."

Mr Topping, at a press conference called immediately after his return from Cookham Wood jail in Rochester, Kent, where he spent several hours talking to Hindley, explained why the case had again come to the fore.

After numerous newspaper articles and the publication of several books about the moor murders in the past 18 months, the police received many letters and offers of help from the public. A decision to re-open the case was taken, to ease public anguish.

Witnesses were re-ques-

tioned, and documents and statements re-examined.

Mr Topping disclosed that he saw Brady briefly last year and is now negotiating with authorities at Park Lane special hospital on Merseyside to question him further.

Mr Topping had three interviews with Hindley in her cell at Cookham Wood, the first two on Monday and a further three-hour interview the following day, when Hindley's solicitor was present.

She was shown dozens of photographs seized by police from the Manchester suburban council home she shared with Brady. All of them had been taken on Saddleworth Moor, which became a favourite haunt for the lovers.

Hindley closely examined each photograph and then told the detective which areas of the moorland were Brady's particular favourites.

Hindley agreed to help after receiving a written plea from Mrs Winifred Johnson, aged 53, the mother of Keith Bennett, who disappeared in 1964.

Mr Topping said: "That seems to have considerably disturbed her."

"She is upset and seemed troubled. I suppose it was the circumstances and the place was now giving police.

tioned, and documents and statements re-examined. she found herself in but she was also very upset and moved by Mrs Johnson's letter. She seemed very troubled by the thought that a mother could have a child that had not been properly buried."

Mr Topping, who has seen both Mrs Johnson and Mrs Joan Reade, the mother of Pauline, who disappeared in 1963, said that they would never be able to push the tragedy from their minds until their children were found.

He said that once the remains were found - scientists believe they will be well preserved in the peaty soil - a decision would have to be made whether to bring fresh charges against Brady and Hindley.

Lord Longford said yesterday that he would continue to campaign for the release of Hindley, whom he described as a good woman who would undoubtedly have been cast as a heroine had she appeared in a Dostoevsky novel.

In an interview at Westminster, Lord Longford said that although he had not seen Hindley for several days he was delighted at the help she was now giving police.



PC Alec Garty inspects the memorial at Muswell Hill in north London to his friend PC Keith Blakelock, who was killed during the Tottenham riots. It will be officially unveiled tomorrow by Mr Neil Kimock (Photograph: John Rogers).

'Explicit' campaign on Aids

The Prime Minister said yesterday that the Government's public education campaign against Aids would be "very explicit" to bring home to people the enormity of the problem facing the country (Philip Webster writes).

"I think it is only when people realise the full enormity of the problem that is facing us that they will be prepared to have things coming through their letter box which otherwise they would have found unusual", she said, speaking on ITN's News at One.

● A hospital at Peterborough, in Cambridgeshire, Britain's first trade-in centre has been set up for drug users to obtain new syringes and needles.

● Several Derbyshire firemen and policemen are being screened for Aids after rescuing a bleeding car driver who later claimed to have the disease.

Doctor 'refused to operate'

A patient lay unconscious on the operating table for 45 minutes after a surgeon refused to perform a life-saving heart operation, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

The patient had been prepared for surgery by the time Mr Felix Weale, a surgeon at West Hill Hospital, Dartford, telephoned the hospital to say he would not be coming.

The patient, who was bleeding from the main heart artery, was left in the hands of a junior doctor unqualified to perform the operation.

Another surgeon began operating 45 minutes later. The operation, which took place on December 24, 1983, lasted more than four hours.

Mr Weale, aged 62, a consultant from Shore, Kent, denied serious professional misconduct at the professional conduct committee hearing of the General Medical Council in London.

Mr Julian Bevan, for the medical council, said Mr Weale was the consultant on duty and was on call at home. He was contacted and gave

instructions for the patient to be prepared for surgery. He told Dr Jayantilal Depani, who had qualified as a surgeon a year earlier, to make the incision ready for surgery and to clamp the aorta.

Mr Bevan said the incision was made at 8.55am and at 9.05am - five minutes after his shift finished - Mr Weale telephoned the hospital to say he would not be coming.

He told the hospital to contact Mr Frederic Skidmore, the senior registrar consultant, to do the operation.

Mr Skidmore was on duty but was at his home 10 miles away.

Mr Bevan said the two men were the only doctors in the Dartford and Gravesend health area qualified to carry out vascular surgery.

Mr Skidmore was contacted. He then telephoned Mr Weale to tell him his patient was on the operating table. Mr Weale was said to have replied that he was not on duty. Mr Bevan said Mr Skidmore rang the hospital and told them to do nothing until he arrived

because clamping the aorta required considerable skill. The patient recovered and was discharged from hospital on January 9.

Mr Bevan said Mr Skidmore had come to the hospital 11 years after Mr Weale, and that there was bad feeling between the two men.

The hearing continues. ● A doctor was told yesterday he must undergo retraining after he failed to diagnose bacterial meningitis virus in a baby.

Dr Nibiti Pal told the baby's parents he thought their child, aged four months, had a respiratory infection and prescribed antibiotics.

The parents took their child to hospital after his head became swollen. The child recovered after 10 days of treatment.

Dr Pal, of Knottingley, West Yorkshire, was found guilty of serious professional misconduct by the professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council.

Portfolio Gold - Tonic for brewery worker

A retired brewery worker is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Alan Cox, aged 69, of Banstead, Surrey, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in *The Times*.

"I am very happy to have won," he said. "But I feel quite calm about it."

Asked how he intended spending the prize money, Mr Cox said: "It will go towards a holiday."

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Mr Alan Cox: quite calm

Remand in firebomb case

Five Tamils accused of murdering three Tamil students in a petrol bomb attack on an east London house were yesterday remanded in custody for six days when they appeared at Stratford Magistrates' Court.

Other Tamils were hurt in the fire in a terrace house in East Ham on Friday.

The five charged are Samuel Veerasingam Kulasingham, aged 30, of Hathaway Crescent, Manor Park, East Ham; Nadarajam Varathadasan, aged 22, Ponnuru Ravi Sinnakady, aged 21, Gerald Prabhakaran Nadaraj, aged 23, and Premraj Sivalingham, aged 22, all of East Ham High Street South, east London.

'Dismay' at failure of judges

The recent failure of senior judges to agree on guidelines for jurors in the case of the taxi driver killed taking a miner to work during the pit dispute was strongly criticized last night by Lord McCuskey, delivering the Reith lecture (Frances Gibb writes).

"It must be a matter of some dismay that in 1985 and 1986 the judges in the highest courts were still at sixes and sevens on a matter as basic, as common and as elementary as intent in a murder case," the Scottish High Court judge said.

Giving his third lecture on BBC Radio 4, Lord McCuskey said that there was something wrong when "after considering hundreds of criminal cases involving intent" an agreed and universally accepted statement of what the law required for proof of specific intent could not be agreed.

In the case, which went to the House of Lords, two striking miners had their conviction for murder quashed and a verdict of manslaughter substituted.

Government urged to keep the elderly warm

By Jill Sherman

Voluntary organizations have called on the Government to start a big home heating and insulation programme for the elderly who, they say, are needlessly dying of cold-induced heart attacks and strokes.

Figures from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys show that during the five coldest weeks last winter 6,155 more people died than projected in government estimates. In the first week in March, the number of deaths was 19 per cent more than projected by the Government.

Main causes of death were bronchitis, pneumonia and circulatory conditions.

Dr Kenneth Collins, an honorary senior clinical lecturer in geriatric medicine at University College London, said yesterday that if room temperatures dropped below 18 degrees centigrade, elderly people who led an immobile life were very susceptible to respiratory diseases and secondary virus infections.

He told the launch of "A Week of Action on Cold Homes", organized by seven voluntary bodies, that if temperatures dropped as low as 12

degrees centigrade elderly people could suffer increased blood pressure which could trigger off heart attacks and strokes. "The length of time between the onset of a cold spell and an increase in mortality was found to be one to two days for a heart attack, three to four days for strokes, and one week for pneumonia and bronchitis."

Recent surveys have shown that 75 per cent of elderly people have temperatures of below 18 degrees centigrade in their living rooms and 10 per cent of the elderly have temperatures below 12 degrees.

Figures collected by the organizations, which include Age Concern, Child Poverty Action Group, Help the Aged and Neighbourhood Energy Action, show that 46 per cent of elderly people living alone and 41 per cent of couples have no central heating.

The action group has organized days of action next week to inform the elderly of available relief measures, either through supplementary benefits or aid from local authorities. It says the burden cannot be left to the voluntary sector alone.

Former steel town to host garden festival

By Tim Jones

A derelict industrial site in windswept Ebbw Vale, where there is 25 per cent unemployment, has been chosen to host the 1992 Garden Festival.

It is hoped the £30 million project will transform an old steelworks site and provide 2,000 jobs.

Local people were yesterday delighted with the news, as the closure of the steelworks, which employed 13,000 men, turned Ebbw Vale into one of the worst employment blackspots in Wales.

The town fought off rival claims from Cardiff, Swansea and Deeside.

Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said: "The site is one of classic industrial dereliction at present, but at the same time it presents a particularly dramatic setting for the festival."

One of the main attractions of the festival will be a cable car ride up the side of the valley to give spectacular views of the countryside.

The Welsh Office and local organizers are confident that they have learnt the financial lessons of this year's event at Stoke-on-Trent, which closed recently after making a £8.5 million loss.

This compares with the £16 million loss of the 1984

Two jailed for murder attempt

A man was jailed for 14 years yesterday for the attempted murder of his estranged wife.

His closest friend was also sentenced to 14 years.

Both Allen Harper-Taylor, aged 36, a property developer, of Brecknock Road, Holloway, north London, and Leslie Bakker, aged 35, a mechanic, of Crossfield Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, had denied attempting to murder Mrs Julie Harper-Taylor, aged 29, of North Hill, Highgate, north London.

The Central Criminal Court jury found them guilty by a majority verdict.

The Common Sergeant, Judge Thomas Pigot, QC, said it was almost miraculous that Mrs Harper-Taylor was not killed when shot in the head at close range by Bakker as she left a bank in Clerkenwell on July 5 last year.

The court was told that Harper-Taylor organized the attempt to kill his wife because she had decided to end their stormy marriage. She had planned to take their three children with her.

The judge said: "On overwhelming evidence, I am satisfied that you both plotted a brutal murder."

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BBC coverage of US raid to dominate Commons debate

Tebbit's attack on the BBC set to cast shadow over Peacock

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The bitter dispute between Mr Norman Tebbit, chairman of the Conservative Party, and the BBC over its reporting of the American bombing raid on Libya, is set to overshadow today's debate in the Commons on the financing of the broadcasting industry.

But Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, has been careful to stay on the sidelines, and he will be anxious to steer the debate in a different direction.

Mr Hurd and his Home Office colleagues will be helped by the fact that the opposition parties are in a state of indecision over the Peacock committee's report on the future of broadcasting.

The Peacock committee did not deliver quite what the Government had expected. Mrs Thatcher was, and is believed to remain, an enthusiast for introducing advertising into the BBC, an option rejected by Peacock. The Government is therefore anxious



Key figures in today's debate on the Peacock committee: Mr Douglas Hurd, Mr Gerald Kaufman and Mr Clement Freud.

to test parliamentary opinion on the advertising option and on a number of Peacock recommendations before announcing its own policies.

The Labour Party is still formulating its formal policy on broadcasting and the Alliance has produced no formal policy document itself.

Introducing the debate, Mr Hurd is expected to indicate the Government's intention to produce a comprehensive Broadcasting Bill early in the next Parliament, which would include provisions for phasing out the television licence and introducing pay-as-you-view television. The Government will welcome the opening up of the television market to intense competition by cable television and direct broadcasting by satellite and Mr Hurd will support a guaranteed right of access to the BBC for independent producers.

The Home Office is already conducting a technical study

on the feasibility of a subscription television system. Meanwhile ministers are expected to back licence fee increases indexed to the increase in the retail price index, rather than to the greater increase in broadcasting costs.

Labour's response will be intriguing. Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, was reckoned by a number of colleagues to have gone over the top in his initial reaction to Peacock in July.

He said then that Labour rejected the plan for BBC television as a subscription,

which would he said, turn the BBC into the television equivalent of junk food.

Labour has rejected the "privatization" of television during night-time hours on the grounds that this could "introduce a completely unregulated system of television which could become a playground for pornography and violence".

Labour has also rejected the Peacock call for ITV licences to be put out to open tender and the proposed new status for Channel 4. It also rejected the plans for privatizing and

commercializing BBC Radio 1 and Radio 2.

Mr Kaufman has also said that Labour rejects the indexation of the BBC television licence fee.

A future Labour government is committed to phase out the licence fee for all pensioners.

The Alliance case will be made in the debate by Mr Clement Freud, the Liberal broadcasting spokesman. The Alliance has welcomed Peacock's rejection of advertising on the BBC, opposes the splitting of Radio 1

and Radio 2 from Radio 3 and Radio 4 and professes itself to be "relaxed" about the bringing in of extra controls on standards, saying that there are enough already.

In response to Mr Hurd's initial statement on the Peacock report in July, Mr Freud said that there was no connection between broadcasting costs and the retail price index, a suggestion that an Alliance government would be willing to allow the BBC a bigger increase in the licence fee to match its increasing costs.

Call for new group to plan land use

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

New regional conservation and forestry authorities, which would be responsible for drawing up land use plans, are proposed in a report published today by the Royal Society for Nature Conservation.

The report also calls for the introduction of universal systems of notification and control over potentially damaging farm or forestry operations.

Attempts to link a strategy for nature conservation and integrated land use with reform of the EEC common agricultural policy would be unwise and undesirable, it says.

A proposal for a new, predominantly coniferous plantation covering more than 300 acres of the North York Moors National Park is likely to be seen as a test case of how the Forestry Commission interprets its new duty to balance forestry and conservation interests.

An unnamed company has applied to the commission for a grant to plant the trees at Lunshaw House Farm at Bothby, near Thirsk.

The Countryside Tomorrow: a Strategy for Nature (Royal Society for Nature Conservation, The Green, Nettleham, Lincoln LN2 2NR).

Sports in schools are under threat

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Inadequate finance, industrial action by teachers and a lack of planning by local authorities threatens the provision of physical education in secondary schools, according to a report.

This September, a working party of the Secondary Heads Association sent a questionnaire on sports in schools to its representatives across Britain.

The replies which have been received so far were submitted to the Central Council of Physical Recreation at its national conference in Bournemouth yesterday. The findings show:

- A "considerable decline" in the number of non-specialist PE teachers willing to help with sports.
- Only one in five secondary pupils has the option to swim, as part of the curriculum.
- Twenty per cent of 16-year-olds spend two hours or less a week on physical education, although 7.5 per cent of all secondary school teachers are PE specialists.
- Two thirds of sixth-form pupils are in institutions where sport is optional.
- Half of the local authorities which responded have no published policy to recognize the importance of PE.

MPs debate more use of airwaves

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

When Parliament debates British broadcasting policy today, few issues will be as significant as the question of what to do about the electromagnetic frequency spectrum through which all television and radio transmissions pass.

The spectrum, commonly called the airwaves, is an invisible but enormously valuable public resource. Since it was first harnessed by Marconi its various uses have been tightly regulated by all governments who have jealously guarded their right to make use of it as they wished.

One of this Government's first acts was to defy tradition and publish a detailed table of frequency allocations. This document, which was previously classified under the Official Secrets Act, is hardly light reading. But for the growing number of independent experts it permitted informed discussion of ways in which frequencies might be more efficiently used.

The Government then commissioned Mr Charles Jonscher, the American-trained economist, to produce a fresh analysis of the spectrum and recommend ways to improve its use. His draft report, just delivered, offers the Government the opportunity to decentralise control and democratise access.

What Mr Jonscher has told the Government remains confidential. But from his widely-published views it can be assumed that he has handed the Home Office a manifesto calling for a profound reorganization of the system by which the spectrum is allocated.

This is to be achieved by, in effect, privatizing large portions of the spectrum. Mr Jonscher would have the Government delegate to the commercial sector many of the decisions on how frequencies should be used by allowing commercial operators to bid for the rights to channels. In Mr Jonscher's view this will lead to both profits for the Treasury and more efficient use of the available resource by encouraging broadcasters and operators of communications systems to harness the latest technology.

The spectrum can be developed in a number of ways. Modern technology, such as cellular radio systems, allows for the repeated reuse of a single channel.

In the past there has been little economic incentive to use the spectrum efficiently, which is why Britain has only four national television networks in spite of the availability of more than 40 channels. In radio broadcasting the spectrum is organized, if anything, with even greater disregard for the possibility of expanded choice. Each of the BBC's national radio networks consumes 11 per cent of the available VHF spectrum allocated to radio broadcasts.

The Jonscher report provides the Government with a basis to review allocations and produce an alternative that would vastly broaden radio and television services. A particularly important reform would be to review the decision to reallocate to two-way radio the portion of the VHF television band vacated by the BBC and ITV when they shifted to UHF broadcasting. The decision to abandon the VHF television band was taken in 1962, with little public discussion, before the advent of cellular radio demonstrated that two-way communications could expand without the necessity for gobbling up huge new chunks of spectrum.

If the Government sincerely wants to broaden the choice for television viewers, Mr Jonscher's analysis is likely to provide a solid justification to reverse the reallocation and reassign the frequencies back to television where they could be used to create three more national television networks or, more sensibly, hundreds of local or community television stations.

IBA chief challenges television scheme

By David Sapsford

Radical changes proposed in the Peacock report could destroy the quality of television broadcasting in Britain, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the IBA, said last night.

Speaking at an IBA meeting in Norwich, he threw out a fundamental challenge to the main recommendations in the report, published earlier this year and due to be debated in the Commons today.

"Some of the proposals, if they were implemented in a new broadcasting Act after the general election, would lead to the premature dismantling of a broadcasting system which now seems to be more widely appreciated abroad than it is in Britain," he said.

"If, as the Peacock committee proposes, ITV is handed over to a market-place auction of franchisees, Channel 4 is floated off and similarly put up to the highest bidder, and the BBC gradually becomes available only to those who volunteer to subscribe to it, we must ask ourselves whether this is the way to ensure the quality, reputation and continuance of one of Britain's greatest national and international assets."

Lord Thomson said that, while broadcasting could not remain static, it should be possible to harness the tide of technology without sweeping away what is best in broadcasting.

Satellite and cable television should be welcomed, he added, but the principle of collective public funding for the BBC and separate commercial funding for independent television must be retained to ensure "a balanced mix of entertainment, information and education".

● Almost one quarter of all television programmes contain bad language, according to a survey by the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association.

The monitoring project in the first half of September identified ITV as the worst offender. Swearing and blasphemy was reported in 36 programmes, representing 41 per cent of its entire output.


BBC1 was next with 25 programmes, closely followed by Channel 4, with BBC2 adjudged the least offensive with only four programmes containing bad language. Drama and films accounted for the overwhelming majority of instances on all channels.

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, president of the association, said that the survey indicated that television producers were disregarding provisions of the Broadcasting Act, which state that programmes should not offend against good taste or decency.

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'Derisory fines' blamed for the high level of evasion on car taxes

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Car tax dodgers are costing the nation nearly £100 million a year in lost revenue, a Commons select committee disclosed yesterday.

The "derisory" levels of fines imposed on dodgers by the courts were "virtually an encouragement to evasion", the public accounts committee said, and it hinted strongly at the need for the tax disc system to be replaced by a new, unavoidable tax on petrol.

In a rebuke to the Department of Transport, the committee describes as "disappointing" its failure to reduce the level of evasion to below £99 million, or 4 per cent of total revenue from the car tax, and says that "more convincing results as to the effectiveness of the department's efforts are needed".

According to a Department of Transport survey 2.2 million car owners evade paying the tax at some point during the year, and the committee's report expresses alarm not only at the lost revenue, but at the fact that untaxed vehicles were frequently unroadworthy and uninsured as well. "This situation raises important safety considerations," it says.

The committee is particularly scathing about the continued derisory levels of fines imposed by courts in spite of its previous concern.

During 1985 there was a 94 per cent conviction rate, but the average fine was just £47, compared with a maximum of £500. This is less than half the £100 cost of a full year car licence.

Ministers have already made clear their concern to the Magistrates' Association, but the report asks the department to pass on the committee's alarm to the association and the Home Office.

"Without the firm and effective support of the courts, efforts to protect public funds and the law-abiding and tax-paying public, will be undermined," the committee said.

The report notes the Government's recent conclusion that there was no preferable alternative to the tax disc system, but points out that it cost more to collect than other systems, that recent fluctuations in petrol prices have been greater than the estimated 38p per gallon, it would cost to transfer the car tax to petrol, and that many

drivers would prefer to pay tax according to car usage.

"We note that the position on alternatives to Vehicle Excise Duty now adopted has not been permanently settled," it states.

The committee makes various recommendations to improve the present car tax system, including concentration on target areas, greater use of modern technology, and closer co-operation with the police.

The RAC and the AA both reiterated their opposition to a petrol tax yesterday, claiming that it would cost most law-abiding motorists more and would be particularly unfair on those who have to use cars in the absence of suitable public transport.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Centre expressed concern yesterday at the level of lost revenue, but insisted that steps were being taken to bring it down.

More than £21 million was recouped last year through fines and payment of back-duty - twice the amount recouped during 1982.

Fiftieth Report of the Committee of Public Accounts: Vehicle Excise Duty: Evasion and Enforcement.



Mr Peter Lee, chief bell ringer at Peterborough Cathedral, checks the new set (Photograph: Arthur Foster).

Cathedral bells will ring out again

By David Sapsted

The bells will peal at Peterborough Cathedral tonight for the first time in a century, perhaps to the accompaniment of falling masonry.

Engineers in the 1880s, after making some fairly crude

calculations, put a ban on further bell-pulling, fearing that it would result in the front of the church parting company from the west nave.

Modern electronic measurements have put an end to such fears. This evening, with a mixture of 14 old, new and

refurbished bells, the practice will return to the cathedral with a trial ring by local volunteers.

Colonel Anthony Taylor, the chapter clerk, said yesterday: "There may be the odd bit of falling masonry but we are fairly certain there won't

be any catastrophic collapse. The cathedral will be cleared, though, lest the odd lump falls down."

The bells will be officially dedicated at a ceremony on November 29 to be attended by Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester.

Dismissed journalist wins libel damages

Mr William Tadd, former news editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, won "suitable" libel damages in the High Court yesterday, over allegations about his abilities and performance as a journalist.

Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, his solicitor, told Mr Justice Tucker that Mr Tadd had been a journalist for more than 35 years, with 22 years at *The Daily Telegraph*.

He was news editor for seven years until 1980, when he was dismissed.

He always maintained that his dismissal was wrongful and that view was upheld by a disputes panel. He received a "very substantial" sum of damages.

But during the dispute proceedings a memorandum was published to the panel containing a number of allegations about his abilities.

Mr Tadd sued for libel. But *The Daily Telegraph* and its former managing editor, Mr Peter Eastwood, now recognized that it would be inconsistent with the findings of the panel, which they have always accepted, that those allegations should stand.

They withdrew them and asserted their belief in Mr Tadd's journalistic abilities and integrity. They also agreed to pay the undisclosed damages and all legal costs.

Labour Party calls for Bristol riots inquiry

The Labour Party yesterday called for a public inquiry into the St Paul's area of Bristol and the police's controversial Operation Delivery, which led to riots in September.

The call came during a two-day fact finding mission to the area by shadow spokesmen for police and race relations - Mr Clive Soley and Mr Alfred Dubbs. The visit had been promised by Mr Neil Kinnock five weeks ago.

The MPs said the inquiry should be along the lines of the Scarman report. They also called for a local authority crime survey after talking to residents, police and party members.

Mr Soley, MP for Hambleton, said: "There is an urgent need for an inquiry where everyone can put their case."

"The report should be about the policing of St Paul's generally, but it could not be done without mentioning Operation Delivery."

"But the operation would not be our sole concern. We see an inquiry as the best way for the differences in view and fact to come out quickly."

"It would not be anti-police - the police also share our feelings that more views should come out. They recognize they have a problem."

He said he would be writing to the Home Secretary with their recommendations.

The visit their general impression was that local people disagreed with Operation Delivery, in which 600 police officers swooped on the area in an attempt to stamp out drugs related crime.

Mr Dubbs said most people were critical of the police.

He said: "The vast majority were unhappy to some extent. The fact is that there are enough people with that view to take it into account."

"The police can say there is a silent majority of people who supported their action, but there is a very large body of opinion which thinks differently."

Mr Kenneth Balgorn, leader of the St Paul's Community Association, who said he hoped Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm Popperwell would then have a heart attack after the visit, welcomed the call for an inquiry. He said: "We were not happy about the delay in a response from the Labour Party, but now they have come along we are pleased they agree an inquiry is what's needed."

Prisoners' 'needs are neglected'

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

More effort should be made in preparing prisoners for life after their release, a report by Sir James Hennessy, Chief Inspector of Prisons, published yesterday, says.

"All types of prisoner, including the unconvicted and unsentenced, should be offered at least some assistance in preparing themselves for release," he says. That should begin at the outset of custody.

Sir James recommends moving prisoners near their release to prisons closer to their homes and expresses concern that full advantage is not being taken of pre-release employment hostels.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said: "I have asked the Director General of the Prison Service to commend the report to the service as a programme for action."

The Preparation of Prisoners for Release (Report by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons; Home Office, London; £1.50).

Jail staff given more protection

Each prison officer at Belfast jail has been issued with a fire blanket and an extinguisher for his home after threats of death and petrol bombings, according to *The Prison Officers' Magazine* (Our Home Affairs Correspondent writes).

A Belfast officer, who wished to remain anonymous, said in an appeal to Parliament for support: "This is a terrible burden for any family to bear." Since 1969, 25 officers have been killed, 11 of whom worked in Belfast Prison, the article said. "We are under constant threat of death from terrorist organisations."

The officer described the mayhem in the jail when, in September, the Red Cross announced it was to visit the prison. There was a campaign of disorder and destruction throughout the prison, he said.

In one riot, where remand prisoners from the main penitentiary organisations are housed, windows, lights, tables, chairs and table-tennis tables were smashed.



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THE M15 CASE

Government's new tack Sir Robert quizzed again Who advised whom?

Whitehall refused leave to appeal against court ruling on papers

The British Government suffered a severe setback yesterday in its action to suppress the Peter Wright M15 book when it was refused leave to appeal against an order to produce confidential papers on Mrs Thatcher's 1981 Commons statement on Sir Roger Hollis.

The ruling by the Court of Appeal, which was followed by another round of uncomfortable questioning for Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, in the New South Wales Supreme Court, prompted a change of tactics by the Government.

After discussions late into last night between London and Sydney, the British side was expected to try to amend the plea on which it based its application for an injunction against Mr Wright and the Heinemann Publishing Company in Australia when the hearing in the lower court resumes today.

The effect of the switch, if it is accepted by the trial judge, Mr Justice Powell, would be to narrow the Crown case to two cover-all arguments: that, as an M15 "insider," Mr Wright is prevented from publishing

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

his book by the duty of confidentiality; or, that those parts of its contents which have not previously been published would cause "detrimment" to the Crown. These new tactics would, in theory, reduce the number of documents which have to be produced and would reduce the scope for questioning Sir Robert, who has endured two days of tough cross-examination.

We did nothing to stop TV interview.

In the course of yesterday's grilling, Sir Robert conceded that, while the Government was now arguing for Mr Wright's book to be suppressed, it had done nothing to stop a Granada television interview with the former M15 officer in 1984 - despite an advance report in The Times that he would be divulging information on counter-espionage operations of a kind contained in his book.

It is rare that Whitehall mandarins are subjected to public interrogation and in the past two days Sir Robert has

appeared less the urbane, assured figure of Sir Humphrey Appleby of television's Yes, Prime Minister than an ill-at-ease civil servant, stammering his way through unfamiliar territory under the lacerating tongue of Mr Wright's counsel, Mr Malcolm Turnbull.

The Court of Appeal ruling effectively upheld an order last week by Mr Justice Powell that the Government should produce papers relating to the Hollis statement, and on other books on M15's operations which the Government has allowed to be published.

During the appeal hearing, Mr Turnbull argued against any further interruptions to the case - which was initiated 14 months ago - with allegations of a campaign by the British side to delay proceedings.

"We have been driven from hearing to hearing. Now the trial has started, the battle lines have been drawn and the Crown's principal witness is being cross-examined," Mr Turnbull said. "My old and sick client is in Sydney at considerable personal expense. He cannot survive more delay and expense. No



Mr Malcolm Turnbull, left, defence counsel, and the author, Mr Peter Wright, are lined up against the Government in the battle to get a spy book published.

plaintiff is here in court with a longer pocket than the British Government, or more determination to avoid the factual issues in the case. They

Would that apply to a cookbook?

do not like Sir Robert Armstrong being cross-examined," Mr Theo Simos, QC, appearing for the British Government, advanced a line of the new legal approach with

the definition that "disclosure by an insider (from M15) irrespective of content, causes detriment to the Crown".

Mr Justice Kirby, president of the Court of Appeal, asked if this would be the case "even if it concerned a cookbook in Whitehall?"

Mr Simos: "Yes." Judge: "What about salary? Mr Simos: If a salary was too low, (the recipient) might be seen as amenable to a bribe. After leave to appeal was denied, the hearing resumed

in the afternoon in the Supreme Court, where Mr Justice Powell, whose avuncular presence has helped to ease the tension of the proceedings, greeted the news that his judgment had been upheld with the remark: "There goes my peacage."

Mr Turnbull's cross-examination of Sir Robert then resumed, but it was not long before the judge was again trying to introduce some levity. When, on one occasion, Sir

Robert shot back a brisk and apt answer to a sharp question, Mr Justice Powell said: "That's 15-all, Mr Turnbull". On Monday, an attempt by Sir Robert to inject humour into the proceedings went awry after he had admitted a calculated attempt in correspondence to mislead, but denied telling an untruth and defined the act of misleading as "being economic with the truth".

Yesterday Mr Turnbull asked Sir Robert why he had said in affidavits that it was necessary to suppress the Wright book in order to retain the confidence of friendly intelligence services, when the CIA itself would have had no objection to the publication of the book.

Mr Turnbull: "Since 1978 the CIA manuscript review board has reviewed 400 manuscripts by 200 authors, only four of whom were not employed by the agency. All were cleared, in part or all. Would the CIA really think less of M15 for applying the same standards for its own offices, as the CIA applies to us?"

Sir Robert: "I don't know what the Americans would think."

Soon afterwards, Sir Robert added that M15 believed that "the CIA is apt to be more leaky than other friendly intelligence agencies."

Mr Turnbull: "Are you really telling us that the people who gave us Blunt, Philby, Prime and Bettany, say that the CIA is more leaky than M15?" Sir Robert: "I think you

would match that list of spies in America very easily."

Turning to the Granada television interview with Mr Wright in 1984, Mr Turnbull asked why, when the Government knew Mr Wright's views and that he believed Hollis had been a Soviet double agent, it had done nothing to suppress the programme.

Sir Robert said the disclosure in The Times on the day of the programme, that Mr Wright was going to speak

How zealous is the Attorney General?

about Hollis, had come as "something of a shock".

Could not the Attorney General have got an injunction in the 11 hours before the programme, he was asked.

Mr Turnbull: How zealous is the Attorney General in defence of the nation's secrets? Sir Robert: I think he is properly zealous.

Mr Turnbull: But not hastily zealous. Do you believe the Attorney General was worthy of criticism in his failure to make that decision quickly?

Sir Robert: If there is a criticism, I don't know where the responsibility lies.

Mr Turnbull asked if it became known in the course of a day that a programme showing the specifications of cruise missiles was going to be shown that night, whether "the Attorney General could gird his loins quickly enough to obtain an injunction."

Sir Robert: I would hope so.

Havers counselled case could be won

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Intensive consultations between Sydney and London were under way yesterday to try to salvage the Government's case.

Telephone calls between Sir Robert Armstrong and the Treasury Solicitor, Mr John Bailey, in Sydney and the Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, in London, continued throughout the day to decide what to do next, as the case turns increasingly into an embarrassing dilemma for the Government.

Sources in London said a decision had to be made within 24 hours on how to re-phrase the appeal to try to narrow both the points at issue and the view of the court on what documents had to be handed over.

It was largely due to the advice of Sir Michael and the Solicitor-General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, that the case was mounted in the first place to take action against Mr Wright.

Whitehall sources emphasized yesterday that it was a "policy decision" to try to stop Mr Wright's book, not because it would reveal anything which had not already been written in other books, but because it was the first time that a former member of the security service had gone into print.

The Prime Minister consulted two key ministers before the decision was made - Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, responsible for M15, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, responsible for M16 - as well as the two government law officers.

It is understood that Sir Michael played the most important role, because of the need to ensure that the case was valid and had a good chance of success.

According to sources yesterday, Mrs Thatcher was told that it was entirely legitimate for action to be taken against a former member of the security service who had signed the Official Secrets Act, even

though he was living in a foreign country.

Mr Wright could not be extradited from Australia on charges of having breached the Official Secrets Act because in cases involving government secrecy and also tax offences, there are no extradition rights.

The legal advice given to Mrs Thatcher was that, even though the Act could not be used to effect the arrest of Mr Wright in Australia, a legitimate case could be made against him in the Australian courts on the basis that, as a



Sir Michael Havers, advised Mrs Thatcher to go ahead.

Crown servant, he had breached the rules of confidentiality he had accepted when he joined M15.

On that basis Mrs Thatcher and her two ministers made the policy decision to go for Mr Wright. The whole thrust of the case was to re-emphasize the Government's position that no member of M15 or M16 should be able to come out into the open about their secret work.

It was Sir Michael who advised against taking action to stop the publication of books on M15 and intelligence matters by Mr Chapman Fincher and Mr Nigel West. But Mrs Thatcher and the other ministers agreed that Mr Wright's book was a different matter altogether.

When the case against Mr Wright was built, it was decided right from the beginning that Sir Robert should be the Government's chief witness.

There was no question, sources indicated yesterday, of Sir Michael appearing as a witness, despite the comments by Mr Justice Powell in the New South Wales Supreme Court that Sir Robert seemed to be the wrong man for the job.

Government legal sources said that Sir Robert was appearing as a "witness of fact", not as a legal expert, and as Mrs Thatcher's chief adviser on intelligence and security matters he was the obvious choice.

Whitehall officials involved in the case were quick to rush to Mrs Thatcher's defence yesterday over her claim in the House of Commons on Tuesday that she could not comment on the Wright case because it was sub judice.

Said one official: "Technically, she was wrong to use the phrase because the House of Commons is not restrained by any sub judice rule in a foreign country. But basically what she meant was that she could not comment about a case going on in Australia which involved the government law officers."

Mrs Thatcher was also afraid that any controversial government comments made in the House might have a poor influence on the judge.

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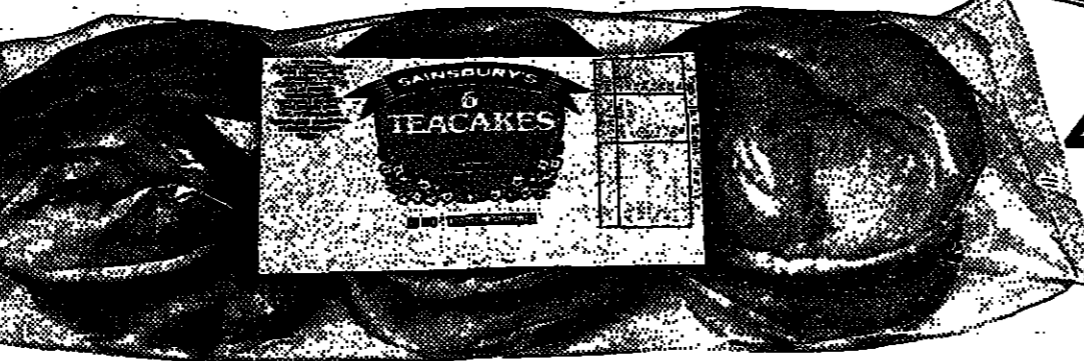
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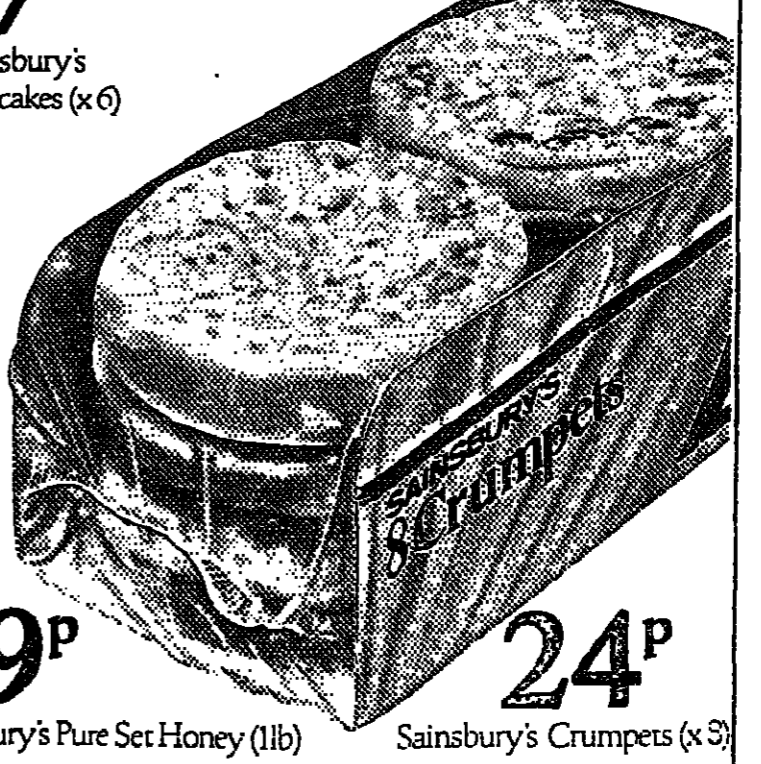
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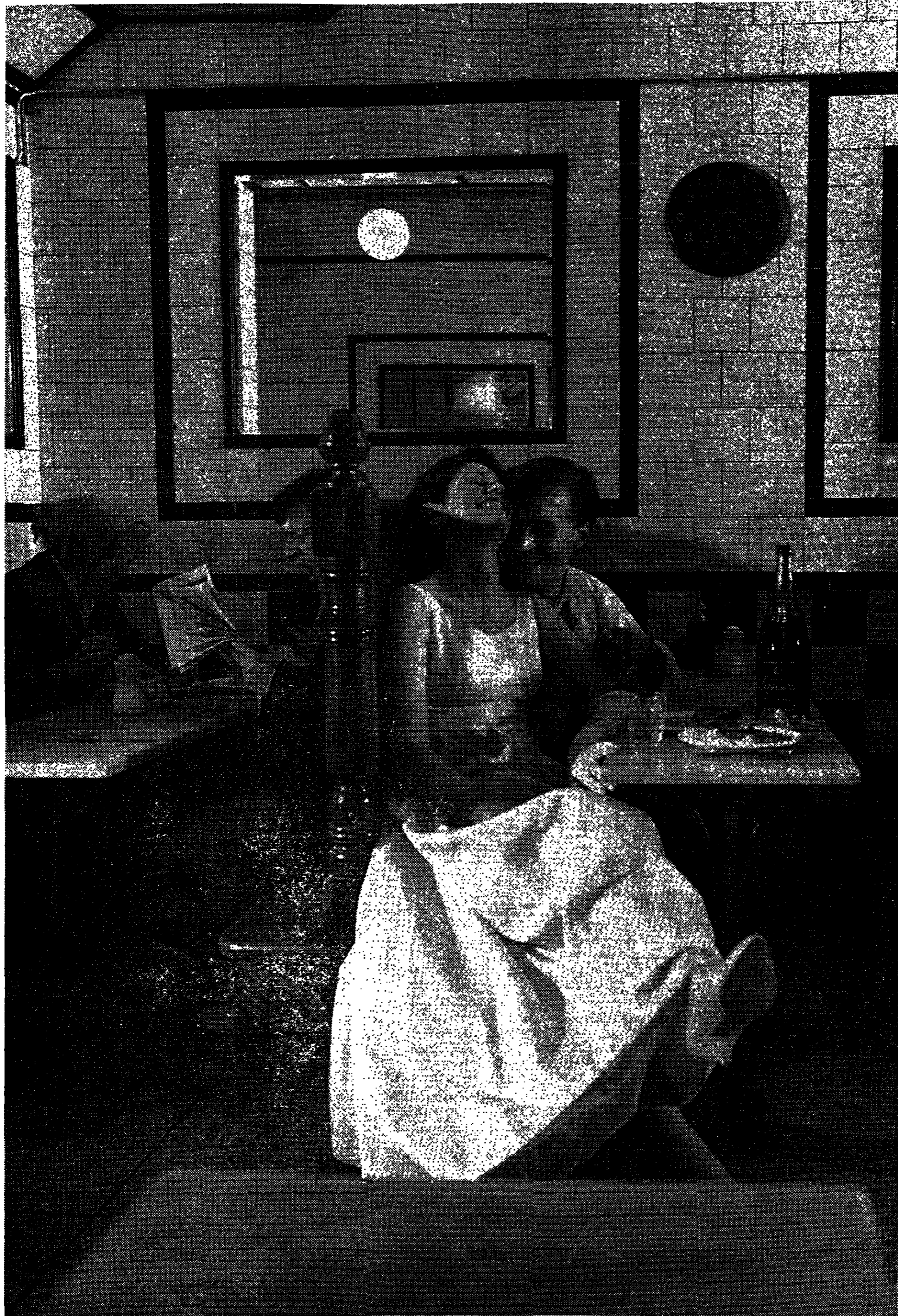


Sir Geoffrey Howe: he was consulted before the case.

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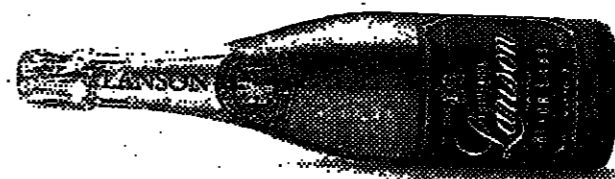
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WORLD SUMMARY

Kodak to close in South Africa

Johannesburg — Eastman Kodak, the world's largest film and photographic equipment manufacturer, said yesterday that it is to wind up its operation in South Africa and stop the sale of products there (Michael Horsby writes).

Aquino sets date

Manila — President Aquino of the Philippines has ordered that a ceasefire in the 17-year communist insurgency be reached before December 1, her chief negotiator said yesterday (Keith Dalton writes).

Fleet call

Athens — The flagship of the Soviet Black Sea fleet is making its first appearance in a Nato port this week, accompanied by a destroyer and a supply ship on a four-day call to the Port of Piraeus (A Correspondent writes).

Minister's falling star

Harare — The star of Dr Herbert Ushewokunze, the controversial Zimbabwean Minister of Transport, appeared decisively on the wane yesterday when an unashamedly racist character assassination backfired (Jan Raath writes).

Nazi case counsel

Jerusalem — A Tel Aviv lawyer, Mr Gershon Orion, has agreed to assist in the defence of Mr Ivan John Demjanjuk, left, who will go on trial on January 19 accused of being "Ivan the Terrible", executioner of Jews in the Nazi extermination camp of Treblinka (Ian Murray writes).

Beirut war on banks

Beirut — Yet another of Beirut's anonymous extremist groups surfaced yesterday to declare war on bank managers and to fire a rocket-propelled grenade at the imposing facade of the Central Bank in Hamra Street in protest at the collapse of the Lebanese pound (Robert Fisk writes).

Arafat's fighters back in strength in Lebanon

From Robert Fisk Beirut After four years of military defeat, political humiliation and internal struggles for power, Mr Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has re-established itself in the Palestinian refugee camps of Lebanon. Up to 6,000 guerrillas — more than half the Palestinian force evacuated from Beirut after the Israeli invasion of 1982 — are estimated to have returned to the country and to have received substantial supplies of weapons, including Sam 7 anti-aircraft missiles.

Sources close to Amal say that Mr Nabih Berri has almost lost control of his forces in the south and that five officials in Tyre — named as Dr Ali Jaber, Mr Abu Fadel, Mr Mohamed Kharkous and Mr Ali Khreis — wish to destroy the Palestinian armed presence to prevent retaliation by the Israelis. Yet the most ironic feature of this new chapter in the history of the Palestinian guerrilla movement is that its newly acquired weapons appear to have been shipped to Lebanon by sea — through the Israeli naval blockade which is supposed to have cut off all arms supplies sent to the PLO by boat from Limassol in Cyprus or from Piraeus in Greece.

It was in the words of one Beirut newspaper editor, "Syria's long night" as Mr Arafat addressed his Lebanese audience for 80 minutes, accusing the Syrians of plotting against the Palestinians in league with the Americans and condemning Amal for laying siege to the camps in return for a Shia Muslim "canton" in southern Lebanon. In one sense, the interview did constitute Mr Arafat's return to Lebanon. Nor have the militias here missed the significance of the PLO's new power. The Syrians oppose the PLO's presence now, just as they did during the Lebanese civil war of 1975-1976.

White House denies Shultz plans to resign

From Michael Binyon, Washington President Reagan had a private meeting yesterday with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, as rumours mounted that Mr Shultz is to resign over the Iran arms affair. The meeting came on the eve of Mr Reagan's crucial press conference, one of the most tense and acrimonious of his presidency, at which he tried to restore the credibility of his Administration's foreign policy and explain his contacts and dealings with Iran.



Mr and Mrs Terence Duffy displaying a portrait of their son Patrick, who stars in Dallas.

Parents of 'Dallas' actor shot dead

From Paul Valley New York The parents of the star of America's most popular soap opera, Dallas, have been murdered in the bar they ran in a small town in Montana. Terence and Marie Duffy, whose son, Patrick Duffy, plays Bobby Ewing in the television series, were shot dead on Tuesday evening in their bar in the town of Boulder. They had returned to the business only recently after having rented it out for the summer.

Madrid is warned on US bases

From Richard Wigg Madrid The Madrid Government was firmly "reminded" by the West German Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl, here yesterday that the reduction it seeks in the United States military presence in Spain could adversely affect the security of all Nato countries. Herr Kohl, on a 24-hour official visit, evidently felt he could speak out on the basis of his country's good relations with Spain. He emphasized the need to seize the "big opportunities" for Germany and Spain to work together within the EEC during a meeting with Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish Prime Minister.

Some reports said Mr Shultz was expected to leave after Mr Reagan's State of the Union message in January. Others said he believed he had now obtained a firm commitment on halting arms shipments and was prepared to stay. Senator Laxalt's office said he had not been approached and had heard nothing about Mr Shultz stepping down. Criticism of the operation continued to swirl around the embattled White House yesterday, with Senator Barry Goldwater, a leading Republican conservative, calling it probably the worst foreign policy blunder in years. The Administration has been stung by vehement criticism from Mr Reagan's two predecessors, former Presidents Carter and Ford. Mr Carter, whose election defeat was largely due to the holding of American hostages in Iran for 444 days, said the White House had abused the use of the National Security Council.

Helena, 30 miles to the north. They have since been charged with murder. Last night Patrick Duffy was understood to be travelling from his home in Los Angeles to Boulder, the town in which he grew up. Residents describe it as a sleepy place with a population of only 1,400 which has been shocked by the incident. Mr Duffy recently returned to the television series in a successful attempt to restore its flagging ratings.

Europeans happy at shift on missiles

From Our Own Correspondent Washington Following Mrs Thatcher's visit here on Saturday, President Reagan appears to have modified significantly the position he took at Reykjavik on eliminating all ballistic missiles and now seems to be backing away from the idea under pressure from the Western allies. In a speech on Tuesday, in which he said all US proposals remained on the table, he said he had agreed in his talks with Mrs Thatcher on four priorities for arms control talks: a 50 per cent cut in strategic nuclear forces, "sweeping" cuts in intermediate-range missiles in Europe and Asia, a ban on chemical weapons and "addressing" conventional force imbalances.

Herr Manfred Woerner, the West German Defence Minister, who has been here for talks this week. "We need the strategic backbone in our flexible response strategy. That is clear. That will remain so for a long time." Herr Woerner, who saw Mr Reagan and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, on Monday, reinforced what he called "the clear message from Europe" that the defence interests of West Europe had to be taken into account in Soviet-American arms talks.

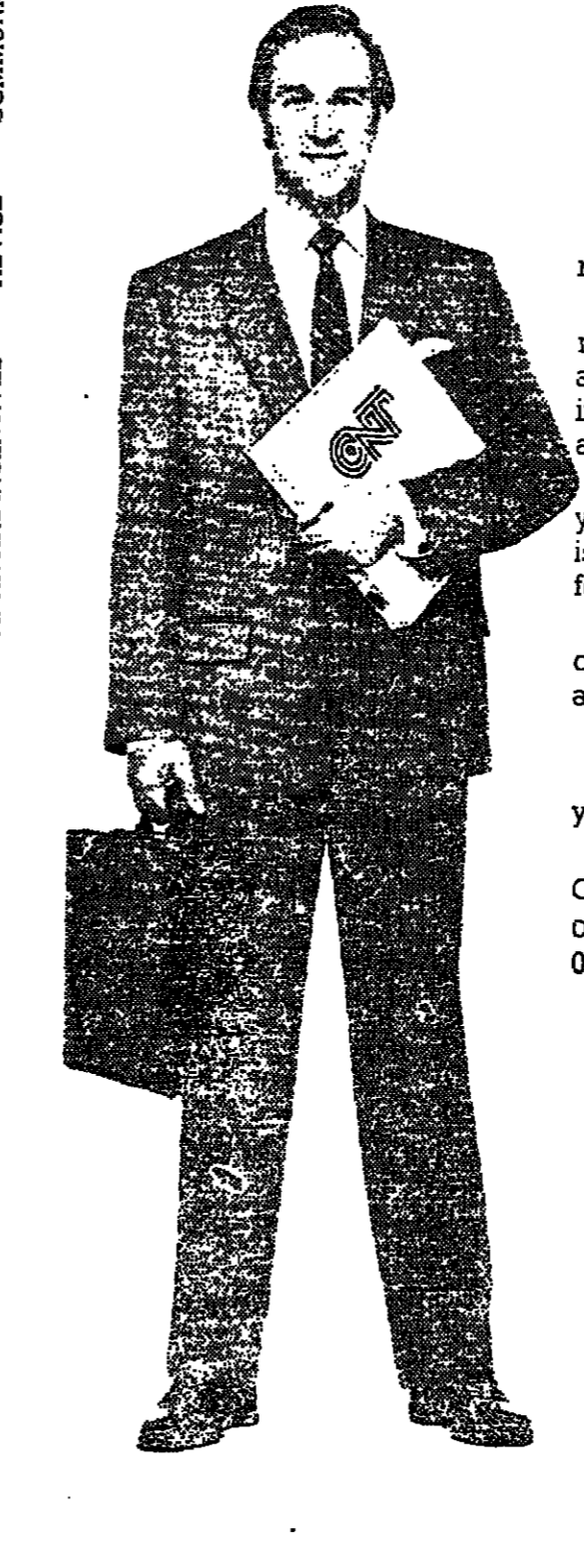
Royal tour of Saudi Arabia ends

Prince drops golden word for Jaguar

From Alan Hamilton Jeddah The Prince of Wales, visiting a British trade fair in Jeddah at the end of his nine-day tour of the Middle East yesterday, made straight for the Jaguar stand where the new XJ40 was on display. "My brother already has one, and he's delighted with it," the Prince announced. Mr Barrie Felton, Jaguar's representative in Saudi Arabia, beamed from ear to ear and prayed that the sheikh's crowding around the Royal party had overheard. "We are in with a great chance; the rich Saudis are becoming bored with Mercedes," Mr Felton replied. "But our problem is the factory; we just can't get enough to supply the demand." "Don't worry," replied the Prince. "I'll have a word with Sir John Egan (the Jaguar chairman) as soon as I get back." Stand by your telephone Sir John. At the end of the Prince and Princess's generally colourful but not always enthralling tour of the Arab states, what was virtually the Prince's last engagement represented the real purpose of the whole exercise. The British trade fair is the year's largest one-country shop window in Saudi Arabia and the largest mounted by Britain anywhere in the world. A total of 170 companies are exhibiting at the fair, which

has had no backing from the British Government and has had to be mounted entirely by a private London-based company. Jaguar is exceptionally bullish about its prospects in a country suffering a recession of sorts, with oil at only \$15 a barrel, but still with plenty of money to spend. Starting from scratch in 1981, Jaguar now claims 35 per cent of the Saudi luxury car market. Already there are 200 advance orders for the XJ40, but only two in the country. The local importers are wondering how best to tread the tightrope of diplomacy in how they allot the few cars available. "Members of the Saudi royal family now drive Jaguars so they are very fashionable," explained Mr Assad Mahmood, Jaguar's local importer. "Women may not be allowed to drive here, but they have a great influence on their husbands' car buying. Women love the sensuous, stylish Jaguar lines compared with the solid Mercedes." Jaguar hopes to sell 700 cars in Saudi Arabia next year, provided the factory can meet the demand. Mr Felton said that much of the secret of the company's success was in having a factory representative in the country, which costs £100,000 a year but repays the outlay many times over. Petrol at the equivalent of 30 p a gallon also does not

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EEC crisis after farm ministers' failure

Exasperation growing along with the food mountains

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

International exasperation mounted yesterday at the indecision of EEC farm ministers and their failure to tackle dairy and beef over-production.

The competence of the Twelve was called into question as the consequences of Tuesday's impasse in Brussels sank in, with urgently needed cuts in milk quotas and guaranteed prices for beef nowhere near being adopted.

Calls for the crisis to be taken out of their hands came from countries opposed to the EEC's common agricultural policy (CAP). "The decision-making process may have to be escalated over their heads. Mrs Thatcher is presiding over the European summit on December 5 and she's just the person to shake a bit of sense into it," an Australian official said.

The Foreign Office yesterday rated the chances of the

issue being discussed at the summit as extremely slender.

The farm ministers will probably find food mountains back on their agenda for their next meeting on December 8 and 9. If, as seems likely, they again fail to agree, the issue will reach summit level next year, when Belgium takes over the EEC presidency.

Many diplomats feel that with 20 million tonnes of unwanted food in European warehouses, the time for "lowest common denominator" decisions is past.

"If the ministers cannot agree when facing the duality of critical over-supply and a very serious financial situation, there must be something wrong with the decision-making process," one official said.

The root of the problem lies in the conflicting demands for ministers to agree on a Europe-wide policy while

appeasing volatile farm lobbies in home constituencies, he said.

Australia is the presiding country in the 14-nation "Cairns" group campaigning for both the EEC and the US to cut agricultural subsidies. Studies by the Australian Bureau of Agriculture suggest that EEC barriers cost Australian producers \$Aus 1,000 million (about £455 million) annually.

The Cairns group, which claims to produce nearly a third of the world's food without subsidizing exports, achieved its first major victory in September. Under the presidency of Mr John Dawkins, the Australian Minister for Trade, it shamed the EEC into accepting a new round of international tariff-cutting talks on terms which could change Europe's policies.

Meeting at Punta del Este in

Uruguay, the 92 signatories of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) agreed to talks which, for the first time, put CAP on the negotiating table.

BRUSSELS: The EEC Commission yesterday condemned as "absolutely deplorable" the failure of the EEC farm ministers to agree on a solution to the growing food mountains (Richard Owen writes).

Mr Frans Andriessen, the Agriculture Commissioner, said CAP was rapidly reaching the point of self-destruction.

He said he had hoped the farm ministers would be able to take "at least a small step forward", but instead they had taken a step backwards by refusing to get down to real negotiations.

I appreciate that the ministers face domestic difficulties and need time - but there is no time."



The Pope trying out a bicycle rickshaw, "the poor man's transport", during his Dhaka visit.

Pope urges young Bangladeshis to defend religious freedom for all

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

The Pope came to Bangladesh yesterday to visit those he called his "little flock" of Catholics isolated in an overwhelmingly Muslim population.

He told the other Bangladeshis that he came as a brother: "A brother in our common humanity; a brother in our adoration of the one God, living and enduring..."

He told a group of 18 young

ordinands that they must show their Muslim brethren that being a Christian did not mean being in any way foreign.

"Your Christian faith, far from weakening your sense of pride in your homeland and your love for her, helps you to prize and respect the culture and heritage of Bangladesh."

The Pope was speaking during an ordination ceremony and Mass celebrated in the Ershad stadium in Dhaka's military cantonment. Under an Islamic green-and-white canopy, the young men solemnly said goodbye to their parents, touching their feet, before mounting the steps for the ordination.

The Pope, speaking under a burning blue sky, noted that "sometimes Christians and Muslims fear and distrust one another as a result of past misunderstanding and conflict."

He said: "This is also true of Bangladesh. Everyone, especially the young, must learn always to respect one another's religious beliefs, and so defend freedom of religion, which is the right of every human being."

The Pope did his part in honouring Bangladesh's history by driving into the sedimentary countryside outside the capital to lay a wreath at the national memorial which commemorates those martyred during the war of independence against Pakistan.

It was an oddly military occasion for the "pilgrim of peace", with the commander of a guard of honour bellowing orders at his men and four buglers from the East Bengal Regiment playing the Last Post and Reveille.

The Pope knelt reverently in silent prayer in front of the

huge pyramid of seven concrete isosceles triangles before writing in the visitors' book: "Animae instaurum suam in manu dei" (The souls of the just are in the hands of God.)

He planted a sapling of magnolia grandiflora close to similar saplings planted by Mr Yassir Arafat and Mr Pierre Trudeau, and a row of young trees set by the leaders of the other South Asian countries, who gathered in Dhaka a year ago for the launching of their regional association. The amherstia nobilis planted there by the Queen three years ago is still flourishing.

As the Pope arrived at Zia international airport, named for an assassinated former military ruler of the country, he was welcomed by President Ershad, who seized power in a military coup four years ago but who left the Army and now rules as a civilian President.

Dhaka - The Pope yesterday said he was prepared to visit Moscow in 1988 for the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the Russian Church, provided he can go to Lithuania, where there is a large Catholic population (Michael Hamlyn writes). He said a visit to Lithuania would part of his religious duty.

for an assassinated former military ruler of the country, he was welcomed by President Ershad, who seized power in a military coup four years ago but who left the Army and now rules as a civilian President.

The Pope walked along a red carpet towards a 30 ft-high dove, emblazoned with "Long live Pope John Paul II", to the tune of "We Will Build a New Bangladesh", a poem composed by President Ershad.

The Pope leaves Dhaka today for a five-hour stop in Singapore, before flying on to Fiji, New Zealand, Australia and the Seychelles.

Italians sentenced for Heysel violence

Brussels (AFP) - Three Italian soccer fans were sentenced to jail terms yesterday for their part in the riots before the 1985 European Champions Cup final at the Heysel Stadium here in which 39 people died and 450 others were injured.

Umberto Salusoglia, 23, was jailed for two years and fined 10,000 Belgian francs (€158) for assaulting policemen before the match between Juventus and Liverpool.

Salusoglia was the man seen by millions on television pointing a starting pistol, which he fired three times at police.

A court here also sent Claudio Ardito and Fausto Speduto to prison for 15 months and fined them 10,000 Belgian francs for destruction of property, assaulting police, fighting and possessing dangerous weapons.

All three men were sentenced in their absence.

Fisherman shot dead

Grado, Italy (Reuters) - Bruno Zerbin, an Italian fisherman aged 24, was shot dead yesterday when a Yugoslav patrol fired on his fishing boat, Aurora, during a chase in the Gulf of Trieste.

The Aurora and the rest of the crew, who were unharmed, have been detained by Yugoslav authorities.

Border flight

Maputo (Reuters) - At least 200,000 Mozambicans have fled their homes near the country's border with Malawi because of right-wing guerrilla activity, the official Mozambique news agency reported.

Malta visit

Valletta - The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi and his Foreign Minister, Signor Giulio Andreotti are due in Malta as guests of the Prime Minister, Dr Carmelo Mizusid Bonnici to discuss an aid package for the island.

Paper chase

Milan (Reuters) - A new Italian business daily, Italia Oggi (Italy Today), went on sale yesterday in a bid to challenge the dominance of the country's only other national financial newspaper, Il Sole 24 Ore.

Space pass

Pasadena (AFP) - The US space probe Voyager-2, racing through outer space to pass Neptune in 1989, will pass farther from the planet than initially scheduled, in order to skirt orbiting rocks and radioactive particles, NASA said.

Lake deaths

Kampala (AP) - At least 19 people drowned when their fishing boat capsized in Lake Albert in north-western Uganda.

Tube twins

Moscow (Reuters) - A Soviet woman has given birth to healthy twin boys after a test-tube operation at a Moscow laboratory.

Struggle to find Besse replacement

From Diana Geddes Paris

The French Government is having difficulty finding a suitable successor to M Georges Besse, the managing director of Renault, who was murdered on Monday, near his home in Paris, just as his hard-hitting austerity plan for the ailing, state-owned company was beginning to show positive results.

After a record 12.5 billion francs (£1,300 million) deficit in 1984, the year before M Besse took over as head of the company, followed by a 10 billion francs last year, Renault is expected to make a loss of "only" 5 billion francs this year, and to be back in the black by the end of 1987.

Under the "Besse Plan", introduced in June 1985, 21,000 jobs, representing a fifth of the workforce, were to be shed to improve productivity by 25 per cent over a two-year period.

The French Government is offering a reward of Fr1 million for information leading to the arrest of the Action Directe terrorists who shot dead M Besse (Diana Geddes writes from Paris).

It is to put up posters throughout the country carrying the names and photographs of two leading female Action Directe members, Nathalie Mégnigon, aged 29, and Joëlle Aubron, aged 27.

Next year Renault expects to be among the three most efficient car manufacturers in Europe, producing an average of 15 cars per man per year, compared with 10.9 in 1984.

Despite a tough wages policy, entailing a cut in workers' incomes in real terms over the past two years, Renault suffered only one serious strike under M Besse. All the main car unions, including the

success at the Paris Motor Show at the beginning of the month, and are up by 12.5 per cent since the beginning of the year. The new R 21 is selling particularly well.

Although Renault is still behind Peugeot, its main French competitor, it has once more managed to break through the symbolic 30 per cent barrier in French sales. The company is still labouring under accumulated debts of 65 billion francs.

Renault says that it is "business as usual" and that M Besse's plans for the company will not be changed. M Aimé Jardon, the deputy managing director, has been appointed interim managing director.

Communist-led CGT, have joined in the nation-wide condemnation of his assassination.

Renault sales were up by a quarter in October after its

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Fears of coup grow in Uruguay as military demands total amnesty

From Eduardo Casé, Montevideo

The legacy of a dozen years of military dictatorship in Uruguay is casting a shadow over the country's fragile democracy that has proved unable to deal with the key issue of human rights violations.

The immediate problem is whether the military officers who ruled the country between 1973 and 1985 should be accorded an unconditional amnesty or be brought to trial on murder, kidnapping and torture charges filed against them.

But the underlying issue is how best to strengthen democracy so that Uruguay can regain its lost reputation as the Switzerland of Latin America.

Since relinquishing power in March 1985, the military has remained in its barracks. But the signs of unrest within the armed forces have become so clear in recent weeks that politicians have publicly expressed fears about the possibility of another coup.

"Either we extend the amnesty to military and police officers or we must assume we are going to find ourselves in a new situation of violence that will lead to the fall of democratic institutions," the government spokesman, Señor Edison Rijo, said recently.

Most observers here feel that the chances of a coup are minimal, but there is little doubt that the political crisis prompted by the amnesty question has delayed the reintegration of the military into society.

"Unfortunately, the 19 months of democracy have enlarged rather than closed the gap that separates the armed forces from the rest of society," retired General Liber Seregni, founder of Frente Amplio, the country's third largest political force, said.

In an effort to bring about a reconciliation, President Julio María Sanguinetti asked Congress in August to approve an amnesty for all military and police officers who may have abused human rights. Señor Sanguinetti justified his decision by evoking the pardon already extended to the Tupamaro guerrillas who carried out a broad campaign of armed subversion during the 1960s.

The decision to grant amnesty to the Tupamaros, voted by acclamation in Congress at a moment of national euphoria following the return to democratic rule, has come back to haunt the country's politicians and is the origin of the current deadlock.

"Instead of having served to pacify the country, the amnesty had the effect of proclaiming one side victorious," a conservative newspaper editor said.

President Sanguinetti argues that the amnesty for the guerrillas, which he did not support originally, put an end to the investigation of crimes allegedly committed by the Tupamaros, including 22 unresolved murder cases.

"What seems wrong to me is that, having shown generosity for those who attempted to undermine peace in the country, we do not do the same thing for military and police officers," he told Congress.

But the Government's proposal was defeated in the Senate because the two main opposition parties and — according to polls — the vast majority of the people strongly believe the military should be called to account for the 127 murders and some 180 disappearances attributed to it.

"Crimes committed by terrorist subversion are one thing and crimes committed by a state are another," General Seregni said. "What is negotiable is that the truth must be known and justice done. There can be no democracy without justice."



A woman in a T-shirt and jeans fights beside Peruvian miners clashing with police outside the Ministry of the Economy in Lima during a protest over pay and mine closures. Several police and demonstrators, among them an MP, were injured.

Ballot bitterness casts cloud on Peru's future

From Michael Smith, Lima

This month's municipal elections in Peru have stirred more controversy than the campaigns preceding them.

Political opponents have accused President Alan García and his American Popular Revolutionary Party (Apra) of election irregularities and abuses in their attempt to consolidate their political primacy in Peru.

Señor García has spent nearly two years trying to play down Apra's history — which is littered with bully-boy tactics and sectarianism — and gain a consensus beyond party lines for social and economic reform. Now he has stirred opposition and revived fears of authoritarian rule.

Señor Mirko Lauer, a political analyst, claimed: "These elections open an era of more conflictive opposition and a

steeper decline in the Government's popular backing."

On the closing day of the election campaign, Señor García broke an unwritten rule of Peruvian politics and the presidential office, at least in the opposition's eyes, by openly endorsing a candidate. Speaking to a political rally from the presidential balcony, he called for a vote for his party. Opposition leaders have claimed other irregularities.

Señor García responded by saying: "It is an excuse for those who don't know how to lose."

Unofficial results for Lima give the Apra candidate, Señor Jorge del Castillo, 37 per cent of the vote; the incumbent mayor and Marxist coalition United Left candidate, Señor Alfonso Barrantes, 34 per cent; and the Popular Christian Party's candidate, Señor Luis Bedoya, 27 per cent.

Contra war heating up after US aid arrives

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Contra rebels trying to overthrow the Sandinista Government of Nicaragua have begun receiving substantial supplies of military equipment from the United States, the first official deliveries in three years.

The Reagan Administration believes the next 12 months will be decisive in its campaign against the left-wing Government of President Daniel Ortega.

Congress has authorized \$100 million (about £67 million) in military and non-military aid, and there are already signs that fighting along the Nicaraguan border with Honduras, where most of the rebels are based, has begun escalating.

American military instructors have started to train rebels in guerrilla warfare inside the US, according to Contra leaders.

The Administration believes it must move swiftly to boost the rebels' morale and fighting ability, in case an already sceptical Congress, now in the hands of the Democrats, orders it out of the conflict altogether.

After more than four years of fighting, the Sandinista Government shows no signs of cracking.

Cyprus dispute

Britain accused of neglecting its duty

By Nicholas Beeson

Mr Rauf Denktaş, the Turkish Cypriot leader, has accused Britain of a "gross neglect of its legal responsibilities" by failing to apply diplomatic pressure on the Greek Cypriot Government to accept a UN peace package for the divided island.

Mr Denktaş told *The Times* yesterday that Western governments in general, and Britain in particular, were paying "lip-service" to a UN-sponsored settlement to the Cyprus dispute without taking an active part in forcing the Greek Cypriot Government of President Kyprianos to adopt it.

The UN plan has been accepted by the self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), but so far has been rejected by President Kyprianos, who was accused

of obstructing efforts by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, in June.

Mr Denktaş, who is in London meeting MPs sympathetic to the Turkish Cypriot viewpoint, said that Britain, as a party to the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee was the "key player" in forcing a settlement.

He suggested the Government should tell President Kyprianos that, unless he adopted the UN formula which calls for a federated Cyprus, Britain would recognize the TRNC as a separate state.

The British-trained lawyer went on to describe Britain's position towards Cyprus since 1963 as "a gross neglect of its legal responsibilities", because it had failed to defend the rights of the minority Turkish population.

He also characterized the British economic embargo on northern Cyprus as "illegal, inhuman and indecent".

Mr Denktaş said that he was glad that a 50-member all-party group of MPs and peers had been established to take up the Turkish Cypriot cause, but warned that, unless there was movement by the Greek Cypriot Government on the settlement issue, Cyprus and its people would grow increasingly divided.

He did not rule out the possibility of a military confrontation between the two sides and accused Greek Cypriots of building up their forces with the help of Greece.

Conference protest: Greek Cypriot protests over the hire of the government-owned Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London for a Turkish Cypriot National Day party on Monday night have caused a change of official policy (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

The strictly commercial approach adopted so far when hiring out the new conference centre in Westminster is to be modified.



Mr Denktaş: talking to MPs in London yesterday.

Kasparov counters Fide chief's gambit

Dubai (Reuters) — Gary Kasparov, the Soviet world chess champion, accused the president of the International Chess Federation (Fide), Mr Florencio Campomanes, yesterday of abusing his power in an attempt to secure reelection.

The latest outburst in a personal feud which has lasted more than two years arose over Mr Campomanes's use of funds to bring delegates to the Chess Olympiad in Dubai, where the election will be held in 10 days' time.

Kasparov told reporters that it was good for chess if free air tickets were used to help developing chess countries.

But he added: "Campomanes used this, like all his previous acts, all Fide power, for his own interests. We cannot be sure if money and Fide power is used for all countries, for real chess interests."

Relations between Kasparov and Campomanes have been bad since the Fide president halted his marathon world championship match against Anatoly Karpov on the ground that both players were exhausted after almost 50 games. Kasparov, who had pulled himself up from 3-5

down in the contest of unlimited duration to six wins and later won the rematch, interpreted the decision as a rescue operation for the flagging Karpov.

Mr Ahmed Abdullah Abu Hussein, the official spokesman of the Olympiad organizing committee, triggered the latest row with a statement to the Abu Dhabi daily *al-Ithad* about the air tickets.

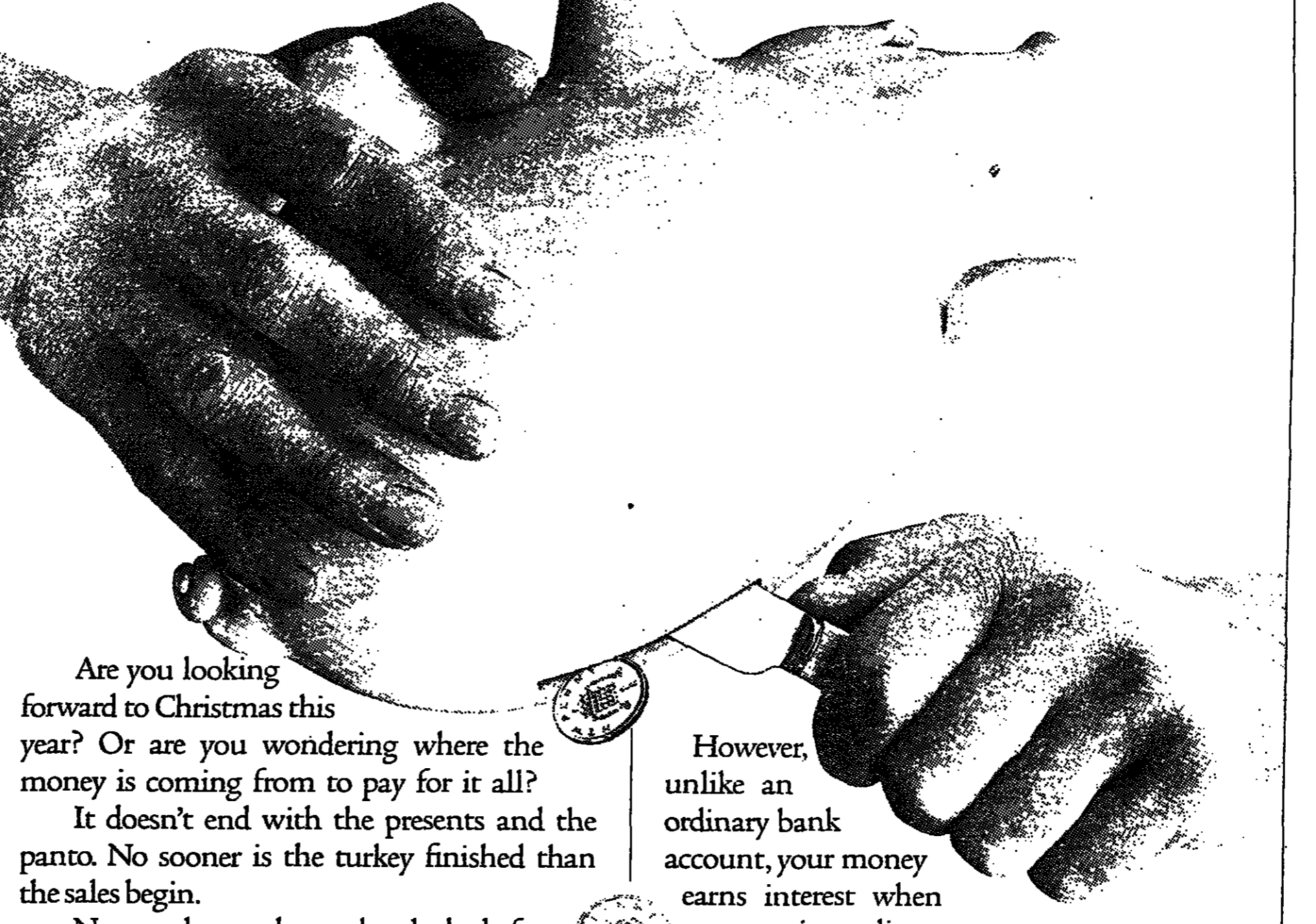
"It is Campomanes's right to exploit this wonderful idea and use it in his just election campaign, if his competitors fight with this weapon," Mr Hussein said. "We admit before the world and we say without hesitation that the idea was his."

Meanwhile, in the Olympiad Kasparov was held to a draw yesterday on first board in the match between Hungary and the Soviet Union.

Kasparov said he was disappointed at missing a win, but was full of praise for his opponent, the Hungarian grandmaster Lajos Portisch.

The adjournment session ended as expected with Yugoslavia's world class grandmaster, Ljubomir Ljubojevic, conceding defeat to the little-known Indonesian master Ardiansyah.

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General Jaruzelski: accused of attacking workers' rights.

Chinese take the West to task for spreading Kim murder rumours

A spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry yesterday blamed South Korea and the West for spreading "fabrication with ulterior motives" concerning the alleged death of President Kim Il Sung of North Korea.

"The rumours were spread from South Korea and from news agencies in the West," said the spokesman, Mr Li Xiaoxing.

South Korean sources on Sunday reported that North Korea loudspeakers near the 155-mile border had reported the shooting death of Mr Kim.

"It is well known that President Kim Il Sung is a great leader of the Korean people and is loved and respected by the people," Mr Li said at a regularly sched-

The authorities promised that the amendments would be implemented sensibly, that basic worker rights would remain intact and that some workers would be allowed to attend a future Politburo session devoted to the subject.

Professor Zbigniew Messner, the Prime Minister, and other ministers came in for a barrage of rebuke from the parliamentary commission for economic reform.

The test will come later this month when it emerges whether the changes have been scrapped completely or whether only cosmetic adjustments have been made.

For many Poles that will show whether Poland's new Parliament has acquired a set of teeth. So far, Poles still adhere to the view maxim of Mr Stanislaw Lec, the Polish aphorist, that "toothlessness gives the tongue freedom to move".

The characteristically eccentric decision was first announced during a workers' rally in Tirgoviste, a city in the province of Wallachia and historically the capital before Bucharest.

With his proletarian cap jammed firmly on his head, President Ceausescu, who is also described in the court poetry as "our eternal guide", spoke from the town hall balcony to the crowds in the market square.

Such a move would be rather like shifting London - that is, Parliament, Whitehall, Buckingham Palace - to Colchester. As one could have expected from the citizens of Colchester, the Tirgoviste crowds were overjoyed, cheering the Romanian leader to the echo.

After the earthquake of 1977, which devastated much of the city, the Old Town district, known as Urmas, had remained almost intact because, as geologists discovered, the terrain was virtually immune to earthquakes.



The sculptor Ilire Varga checking the accurate assembling of his monumental sculpture dedicated to Béla Kun, leader of the short-lived Hungarian Soviet Republic in 1919, before yesterday's official unveiling ceremony in Budapest. Kun, who sought refuge in the Soviet Union after the overthrow of his regime, was liquidated in Stalin's purges in the 1930s.

Ceausescu gives Bucharest a fright

Second capital proposed for Romania

By Our East Europe Correspondent

President Nicolae Ceausescu, the Romanian leader - or, as he prefers to be known, the First Worker of the Land - wants to shift the capital of the country away from Bucharest, but after opposition from Communist Party colleagues he seems to have shelved the idea in favour of creating two capitals.

Further encouragement: the hub of the new socialist capital - that is, Bucharest - would have to be relocated and the churches, synagogues and ancient mansions would have to come down. Instead there would be a "Victory of Socialist Avenue," a large parade square, and monuments to Romanian heroes.

Having gone through so much, Bucharest would not be expected to hear of the plans for Tirgoviste. Perhaps the whole statement was a gag, but Romania does not encourage its citizens to believe that Mr Ceausescu is fallible.

There seems to be real evidence that he really does want this shift, if only to recapture the magic of the most important royal residence of Tirgoviste, the Wallachian Prince Mircea, who ruled from 1386 until 1418. Romania is celebrating the 600th anniversary of this strong leader's accession. Tirgoviste still has a castle, but is otherwise a charming place, its atmosphere influenced by an oil refinery near by.

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Food and energy production are making enormous demands on resources as population continues to rise.

Uganda leads bid to save African environment

From A Correspondent Nairobi

Uganda is the first country in Africa to take part in a United Nations programme aimed at reversing environmental degradation in the continent.

Last August it signed an agreement with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) to take part in an ac-

tion programme sponsored by the agency and adopted by the first Ministerial Conference on the African Environment, held in Cairo in 1985.

This week, UNEP's executive director, Dr Mustafa Tolba, is visiting Uganda with a team of environmental experts from the global headquarters of UNEP in Nairobi for talks with Ugandan ministers about implementing pi-

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Japan lets rich trade in animal skins go on

From David Watts Tokyo

Despite a commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh that Japan would tackle illicit imports of protected animal skins, millions of dollars worth have arrived via Singapore over the past few months.

The Duke made the request on a visit to Japan two years ago as president of the World Wildlife Fund, but the imports have continued at the rate of \$15 million (£10.4 million) a year.

When processed and put on the market in the form of handbags, shoes and belts, the skins may be worth double that.

Within the past few months new consignments of more than 10,000 lb of crocodile skins were dispatched from Malaysia through Singapore without proper documents.

Singapore is now a world centre for the illicit trade bringing in imports from Latin America and Africa as well as neighbouring Asian countries. A lot are then sold to Japan.

"Singapore is currently engaged in a massive stockpiling of protected wildlife for future export to Japan," says Mr Robert Milliken, director of the Tokyo office of the World Wildlife Fund.

The imports of crocodile, lizard, snake and sea turtle skins have continued despite the Japanese Government's commitment to tighten its regulations, in conformity with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

The convention protects threatened animals and plants from over-exploitation.

The requirements of the CITES regulations, which demand documentation showing the country of origin and the export permit number, are being widely ignored by the Japanese customs.

"We're very disappointed with the Japanese," said Mr Milliken, "but from now on we're going to try to back them to a corner."

Earlier this year the United States introduced a total ban on such imports from Singapore, but later eased the restrictions to allow the import of tropical fish bred there.

The Duke followed up his attempts to stop the trade with a personal letter to Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister of Singapore, this year asking for a ban on the extensive trade in rhino horns through the island state.

In China and throughout the countries of South-East Asia, the horns are widely believed to have aphrodisiac qualities.

Nevertheless, a ban on the inclusion of rhino horn powder in Japanese patent medicines, introduced in 1980, appears to have been largely effective.

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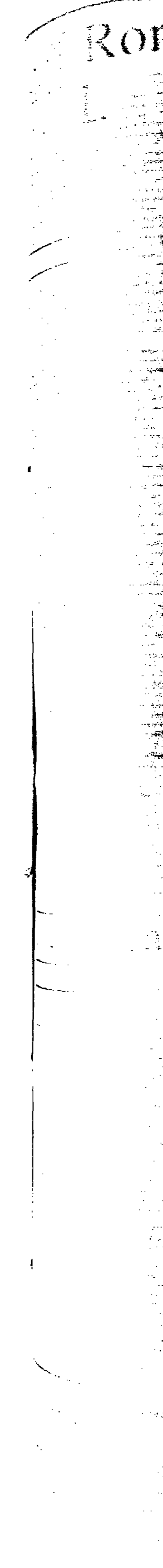
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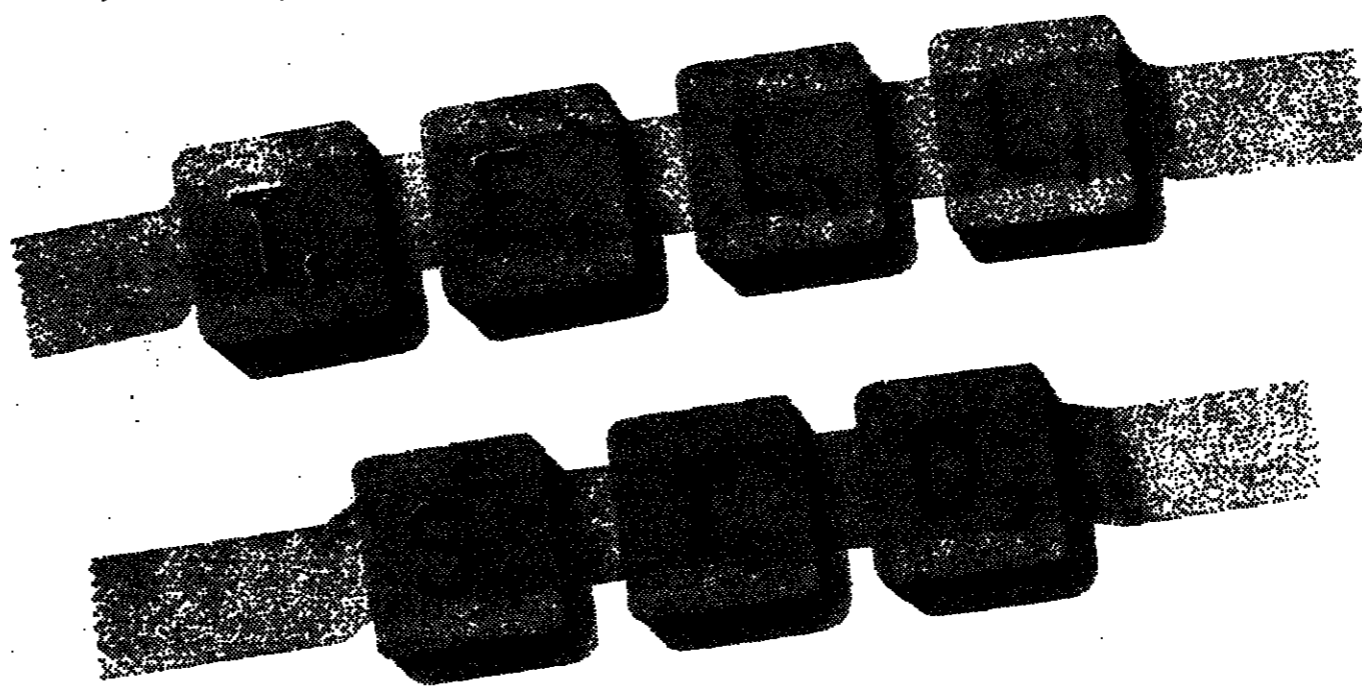
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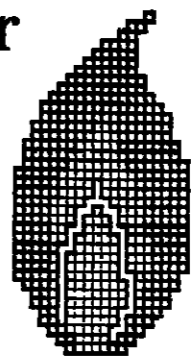


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BOOKS

Angel of Death

In the Haggadah, there is a story of four sons answering the question put by their father. The fifth son cannot answer because he has gone away. Yet, the commentary says, a Jewish father's duty is to the living.

The Fifth Son is the obsession of Elie Wiesel's novel. He is Ariel, the narrator's brother, who has been killed as a child by the Angel of Death, a Nazi administrator of the ghetto of Dabarowak, a Polish city. The narrator's father has been forced to be the leader of the Jewish Council of Dabarowak, his terrible duty that of co-operating with the slow slaughtering of his people in order to preserve their lives a little longer. At what point should he resist, when his sacred duty is to celebrate life at all costs? After a massacre, he falls into the temptation of courage and refuses to acquiesce. The inhabitants of the ghetto are now doomed.

Elie Wiesel has recently won the Nobel Prize for Peace. It should have been for Literature as well. His study of the meaning of the Holocaust, a term that he fostered, and his search for understanding and atonement for that crime of all crimes against humanity, have led him into a profound inquiry into the roots of guilt and retribution. The father in The Fifth Son has tried to kill the Angel of Death after the war. He has failed, and his son goes back to Germany for a final confront-

ation. Yet if he kills the killer of his people and his brother, he will celebrate Death. He will deny the life which God gives and which it is each man's duty to preserve. Yet there must be vengeance on a mass murderer, whom God has let live, even if he claims to be Death itself.

The Fifth Son is remorseless in its inquiries into the questions that survive the Holocaust. We must give answers like the four living sons to their father. We cannot escape testimony and expiation. No book of recent years has so troubled and moved me into painful queries about past wrongs, which I did not abet, but which affect us all.

As a youth, Ivan Klima was interned in the Czech barracks camp of Terezin. The first story in My First Loves concerns the girl who gave him his daily milk rations. She gave him too much, then took it away. He confessed his rejected love with his grief for his aunt being deported to an extermination camp. His other three first loves never remove the narrator from a permanent feeling of vertigo on the edge of an abyss, a sense of the frail divide between life and death, between despair and joy. With a morbid sensitivity enhanced by

FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

THE FIFTH SON By Elie Wiesel Viking, £9.95

MY FIRST LOVES By Ivan Klima Chatto & Windus, £9.95

SYMMES HOLE By Ian Wedde Faber, £12.50

STEPS GOING DOWN By Joseph Hansen Arlington Books, £10.95

his childhood sufferings, Ivan Klima is an acrobat of adolescent love, describing the dizzy drops and leaps of the heart in his affairs. His last story contrasts his love of tightrope walkers with his steaming of the affection of an epileptic girl from his best friend. These are tales of the somersaults and convolutions of immature passion.

Symes Hole is named after the supposed way to the centre of the Hollow Earth. In this ambitious novel, Ian Wedde contrasts the experiences of the whalers who came to New Zealand in the 1830s

with the perceptions of a narrator, who is variously himself, an ancient mariner called Heberley, Herman Melville, and other real or "real" characters, whose "fiction" is partially "history". If this sounds confusing, it is. The riotous and thundering and scabrous sentences flow and race like the murky sea, but this flood of historical flosms about Pacific history and personal jetsam about modern Kiwi life is too self-conscious to carry the reader away on its tide. If, as Ian Wedde suggests, the search for the entrance to the Hollow Earth ends in a MacDonald's hamburger joint, it is a fair comment on the book, all the sound and fury signifying nothing very much.

Steps Going Down is a straightforward story of crime, sex, gratification, and retribution as remorseless as a Zulu novel, in which the hero or heroine is programmed genetically to an evil end. In this case, Darryl Cutler is a male hustler who falls in love with a beach boy, kills for him a couple of times, inherits a fortune and loses it ironically to his old mother because he has an appointment with the gas chamber. In comparison with The Fifth Son and the Holocaust, this novel by Joseph Hansen is trivial. Yet in its hard and clinical way, it is all too true a picture of Californian beach society where crime does pay for the time of night.

Celebrity sage is Jung at heart

Allan Massie

A WALK WITH A WHITE BUSHMAN By Laurens van der Post Chatto & Windus, £12.95



Metaphysician, mystic, guru, or Pangloss?

Sir Laurens van der Post has been writer, traveller, soldier, and farmer. He has fought to save the Bushmen of his native South Africa, and has recorded the remnants of their culture. He believes in the importance of the adventure of the human spirit, and that we all carry within us our own Bushman - that is to say archetypal memories which, given time, carry us back beyond the time of nations to primeval man.

His creed is a sort of Higher Pantheism, resting on the foundation of Jungian psychology; sceptics may see something Panglossian in it, despite his repeated insistence on the madness and dislocation of the modern world. Whether it is the man or the message that attracts I do not know, but Sir Laurens has been adopted as a philosophic guide by many of the Great Ones of the Earth - princes, proconsuls, prime ministers, and even, we are told, editors of The Times. Some, baffled by his teaching, may find themselves echoing Byron's criticism of Coleridge: "explaining metaphysics to the nation - I wish he would explain his explanation." Others, trained in the more rigorous school of Scotch metaphysics, may wish Sir Laurens's was sharper and more precisely defined.

But anyone tempted to dismiss his writings as windy verbiage would do well to think twice: Sir Laurens's view of life is rooted in his apprehension of reality, and has been shaped by an unusually wide and varied experience and a restless intellectual curiosity. A Walk With A White Bushman is not an exact or coherent statement of his position. It consists of conversations apparently conducted over a number of years with a French television journalist, Jean-Marc Potiez. They are rambling, discursive, and it seems, very agreeably spontaneous.

M. Potiez is very much a disciple. He sets himself to draw the Master out. The conversations range over a wide field: Bushmen, Africa, the relation of man to animals (beautiful stories about elephants), Japan, and Japanese prisoner-of-war camps, the forgiveness of enemies, Jung, spiritual growth, Churchill, Smuts, Mountbatten, De Gaulle, Mrs Thatcher (all of whom Sir Laurens greatly

ment would allow him to say: "I was told the joke in France that a camel is an animal that was designed by a committee," when that has been a commonplace of saloon bars the past 30 years.

It is perhaps this detachment too which lets him see all criticism of Mrs Thatcher as stemming from "the archaic, if you like chauvinistic, jealousy of men reared in a man-dominated country," and to see "the people who are vociferous against her" as "an elite group, a very mixed elite of privileged people in the modern world." Well, I share his admiration of the Prime Minister, but I wouldn't like to repeat that opinion in the housing estates of Glasgow or Edinburgh.

Yet this innocence is part of the charm. This book is so evidently the work of a good man. I shouldn't like it to be thought however that it belongs to the onward and upward school. In practical matters, Sir Laurens is sharp and judicious. The book ends with a memory of the little cairns that Hottentots raise to their god, Heitsé Eibib, "the god who fights the forces of darkness." Sir Laurens has himself been fighting these forces all his life: this book may be read as an act of worship directed to that god of his childhood.

Country matters

POETRY

Robert Nye

Robert Wells, still in his thirties, writes poems that are plain and unpretentious, firmly in the English ruralist tradition of Hardy and Edward Thomas, but with a quickness that stamps his own sensibility on the scenes he chooses to observe. So we find him writing two stanzas in regular metre on a conventional theme, "After Haymaking", and coming up with this:

The last bale placed, he stretched out in the hay. Its warmth and his were one. He watched the fields beneath the weakening day And felt his skin still burning with the sun. When it was dark, he moved. Between his skin And clothes the sweat ran cold. He trembled as he felt the air begin To touch and touch for what it could not hold.

No flashy images, no unexpected happenings, not a single departure from the word-order of common speech, yet in the peculiar sensuousness of the whole, embodied in the repeated touch, the poem comes alive and is like no one else's poem.

This is a modest yet important book, the work of an authentic poet whose voice is still somewhat muted by his awareness of the past, but full of promise of perhaps more passionate and present things to come.

Bard's eye view of bloody tourists

CRIME

Marcel Berlins

THE DIRTY DUCK By Martha Grimes Michael O'Mara Books, £8.95

Grimes is an American writer who has chosen to set all her mysteries in England, employ the services of that most traditional of English heroes, a Scotland Yard detective, and saddle him with a dilettante aristocratic friend who has renounced his titles. It is obviously a combination that works well in the United States, where she gets excellent reviews and is compared to Christie, Sayers, and James.

The Dirty Duck is her fourth novel featuring Detective Inspector Richard Jury, but is the first to be published here.

It is a learned mystery, full of well-researched Shakespeare/Marlowe lore. The victims, American tourists, are found in Bard-relevant places like Stratford and Southwark, and the principal clue is an Elizabethan poem, successive lines of which are left on the bodies. It is, in almost every way, a superior whodunit; and Grimes has clearly done her homework on site. The Dirty Duck is not full of obvious mistakes or solecisms. But for all her research, she gets her English characters, especially the aristocrat, not quite right. It's an American interpretation of Brits; and in the end, it diminishes an otherwise exciting discovery.

The Secret of Annexe 3, by Colin Dexter (Macmillan, £8.95). The book promotes Dexter and his Inspector Morse to the First Division. Wonderfully old-fashioned plot involving a hotel's New Year's Eve fancy dress party, the morning-after body, and a host of disappearing guests. Morse's methods of deduction avoid the clichés, thrills and surprises are ample and satisfying; and it is a pleasure to read about an Oxford not dominated by high tables and dreaming spires.

Under Contract, by Liza Cody (Collins, £8.95). Wise and wisecracking private cyette Anna Lee, famed out to act as minder to vulnerable touring rock star Shona Una, keeps her rhythm among eccentric entourage, illegal substances, and unfriendly practices. Terrific feel for the underside of the glitter, good action, and Anna back to her beguiling best.

The Suspect, by L.R. Wright (Hale, £9.50). Murder among the retired wrinkles of small-town coastal Canada reveals usual crop of dormant obsessions and secrets, unearthed by comfortably believable investigating cop, moony over local libran-

an intelligent, low-key whodunit which won American "Edgar" award for last year's best mystery.

The Outlaw, by Georges Simenon (Hamish Hamilton, £9.95). Desperate Polish fugitive down and out in Paris turns informant on a gang of his compatriot criminals. Published in 1939 but apparently not previously translated into English, this is slight Simenon, which means that it is sparse, taut, atmospheric, gripping, and heaps better than almost anything else around.

The Sound of Murder, by Margaret Himmman (Collins, £8.95). Second-rate actor's difficult Austrian wife found dead in bath during Salzburg film-shoot; retired Inspector Brand coincidentally on hand to disentangle motives past and present. Himmman's careful plotting and astute characterizations have made her one of our most dependable bloodsmiths.

Every Brilliant Eye, by Loren D. Estleman (Macmillan, £8.50). Shabby sleuth Amos Walker's Detroit is a sad repository of unhappiness and violence. Seeking a disappeared buddy, finding petty and grand corruption along the way, Walker is a depressed Philip Marlowe with even fewer brushes with glamour. Superb writing, excellently drawn characters, and a confident story; but I wish Walker would move elsewhere.

The Glory Hole Murders, by Tony Fennelly (Arlington Books, £9.95). The killer's modus operandi would not be understood by Aunt Matilda, but for those of stronger stomach Fennelly (a woman) makes her debut with dazzling dialogue, ceaseless action, and a lot of humour set in those parts of New Orleans which commitment to family life and heterosexuality have failed to reach.

Nursery Crimes, by B.M. Gill (Hodder & Stoughton, £9.95). The moral is that if you're a pretty little girl who grows up into a beautiful woman, you can get away with murder unlimited.

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SERIOUS PURSUITS

The confused and confusing case which brings together the unpublished memoirs of Mr Peter Wright...

In Sydney this week an impression has been created of a weak argument incompetently presented.

In his judgement, Lord Donaldson said that employment in the security services conferred "the obligation of confidentiality"...

A number of other questions obtruded as the case progressed through the English courts.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACOCK

Today's Commons debate on the Peacock Report has come earlier than expected.

It is an issue, moreover, which arouses unpredictable passions.

Peacock came up quickly with a number of answers, the most powerful of which was that the status quo is no longer an option.

Just as the Stock Exchange has had to grit its teeth for the Big Bang or risk losing its business to New York or Tokyo...

Not surprisingly, however, the recognition of this is weakest at the senior levels of the institutions whose traditions are under threat.

It had been told about the contents of the memoirs given grounds for considering this to be so.

A second is the question of where an aggrieved member of the security service can present his case if his complaint is against the head of the service himself...

The third question, and the one which has most recently obscured the central issue in Sydney, is the question of other publications about the security services...

This is the reddest of all the herrings. There is a world of difference between autobiographical memoirs, built on first-hand experience...

This is why the books of Mr Nigel West and others provide neither parallel nor precedent for the publication of Mr Wright's memoirs.

many ex-security officers passed secrets to him and with what authority. His writing and the writing of Mr Wright are different genres and should not be confused.

Through all the meanderings of court procedure one principle has been upheld consistently: that officers of confidentiality which can be enforced by the court.

Once a former intelligence officer has settled abroad, however, the rules change and the principle is virtually impossible to uphold.

The case of Peter Wright is, of course, exceptional. Few former intelligence officers will settle abroad after service; fewer still will use the opportunity their expatriate status gives them to publish abroad.

It will be said with hindsight that this was true all along. But if Mr Wright had not been pursued with all possible vigour, the principle would have been lost for ever.

Plight of haemophiliacs with Aids

From the Director of the Newcastle Haemophilia Centre Sir, Infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) has added an intolerable burden to the lives of many families with husbands or sons already incapacitated by haemophilia.

When the Commons debate Aids next Friday I hope that time will be found to consider the special needs of these families.

In common with other groups, infected people with haemophilia are finding it difficult, if not impossible, to obtain insurance and mortgage endowment policies.

Education campaign

From Canon P. R. Rounds Sir, You comment in your issue of November 15 that the Government is prepared to weather expected complaints on the explicitness, etc of the advertisements and leaflets of the information campaign against the spread of Aids.

Fair enough. But what about the risk of corruption? Children and adolescents will see these leaflets describing homosexual practices and emphasising the need to use condoms.

Has no one considered that there is such a thing as putting ideas into people's heads and, moreover, that the forbidden is attractive?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, P. R. ROUNDS, The Rectory, 1 Portland Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth, Dorset.

Neglected exam?

From Mr H. Ferrar Sir, The Headmaster of The King's School, Gloucester, writes sadly (November 14) about the neglect of the AS (half A-level) exam and the lost opportunity to do something progressive about language teaching in this country.

We hear, among other objections, that the universities don't like half-subjects. Enough, Sir, of this bleating, on both sides! We should cut the Gordian knot and institute a standard university requirement which, uniformly and compulsorily, includes two half-subjects (a minimum of one of them "unrelated").

The Queen's victim

From Mr Nicolas Bellord Sir, It was intriguing to read (report, November 13) that the African Queen was still afloat, but what news is there of her victim, the Gotzen? She was built at Papeburg on Ems in 1913 and was transported in pieces via Hamburg and Dar es Salaam.

It is encouraging to note that this is accepted to a much greater extent by the middle ranking members of the broadcasting fraternity.

The separation of these functions at the next licensing round would begin the process of opening up the airwaves to independent producers who already lead the assault on the over-manning, over-paying and under-working that look so charmingly British to the man from the BBC.

Rape compensation

From Mrs A. G. Wolchover Sir, I must express my horror at the Criminal Justice Bill, published on November 14, giving compensation to a rape victim of a statutory right to £5,000 for the child born as a result (report, November 15).

Unlimited money cannot compensate victims for such a heinous crime committed against them. At the same time, I think it is a very dangerous law since there is a great possibility that an unscrupulous person claiming to be a victim could easily cause an innocent man of having committed such a violation and who would have great difficulty in proving his innocence.

only available DHSS benefits the additional costs imposed by special needs, including diet, heating, laundry, transport and help in the home, are beyond their means.

Death from Aids brings problems of meeting funeral costs and, of course, loss of income, and has direct consequence on the future wellbeing of widows and dependent children.

I believe that these families form a well defined group with a special call for State help. In the case of haemophilia the Government should argue neither precedent nor an open-ended commitment, because of the iatrogenic nature of the infection and the small and finite numbers involved.

I remain etc, PETER JONES, Director, Newcastle Haemophilia Centre, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Queen Victoria Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, November 14.

first finance a study in the departments of genito-urinary medicine, where every new patient, male or female, could be tested for the Aids virus?

The statistics from these departments already provide valuable evidence of the prevalence of sexually transmitted disease in the general population. The first results should be available in just a few weeks.

In the meantime, perhaps, Stop - Stick to One Partner, is an excellent slogan! Yours faithfully, MICHAEL BALSDON, JEAN TOBIN (Consultants in genito-urinary medicine), St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Song of praise

From Mr C. A. Baylis Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Gordon Wood (November 13), would be well advised to pay attention to the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 before involving himself in any more impromptu public performances on licensed premises.

Where more than two performers are involved in the provision of such public entertainment a licence is usually required from the appropriate local authority.

Beware Mr Wood! "Any person concerned in the organisation or management of that entertainment" renders him or herself liable to prosecution. Yours faithfully, C. A. BAYLIS, Lincoln House, 296-302 High Holborn, WCI.

Hungary's torment

From Mr György Krassó Sir, I wonder what your readers would think if, in 1990, they were to read that their grandparents' fight against Hitler 50 years before was the "counter-revolutionary struggle of reactionary forces"?

For Mr Aczel 1956 was "only an episode" in our nation's life. He juggles with statistics to show the successes of the past 30 years of communist rule in Hungary.

The Hungarian economy is declining, the GNP has not risen for two years, but the national debt has increased to an unprecedented level of \$11 billion.

The 30th anniversary of the revolution could only be commemorated in secret, behind closed doors, by 125 people living in five

A way to leave London behind

From Mr N. F. Smith Sir, Anyone who has the interest of the inner cities at heart must welcome the formation of the four new urban development corporations.

However, as you imply in your leader (November 13), the corporations will be hard pressed to emulate the success of Docklands.

One simple and cost-effective way of doing this is to relocate more Government functions to the assisted areas.

The Government will only secure substantial private-sector investment in UDC areas by creating a climate of economic confidence.

Reinstating decentralisation. Send the PSA (Property Services Agency) and the Department of Education to Tyneside.

Control in schools

From Mr Alec MacGuire Sir, In the aftermath of 1945 autonomous educational institutions were seen throughout the free world as a primary bastion against autocracy and totalitarian forms of government.

We have now had a succession of Conservative ministers attempting to trim the form and content of education in Britain, not in accord with public or expert debate but by Government dictate.

Long ago I learnt that governments that despise or mistrust the whole segments of their population (teachers and dons included) were already on the road to autocracy.

The great divide

From Mr D. R. Bateman Sir, I have just returned from a journey to the North of England and I am now absolutely convinced that we have become two nations by the simple expedient of digging a trench simultaneously across both our main north/south road routes, namely the M1 and the A1.

My journey north, on Friday last, p.m., having sought the advice of the AA for a journey that usually takes me 3 1/2 hours. Some six hours later, including a virtual halt of an hour and 20 minutes on the M1 in West Yorkshire, I had completed my journey thoroughly exhausted and in a bad temper.

Surely it is not beyond the competence of the Ministry of Transport to employ all their resources in such a way that only one of these vital routes is out of action at any one time.

Only in this year two literary journals were banned, one of the best-known Hungarian writers (István Csaruka) was silenced, public debates were banned, young people publishing prohibited texts were fined to more than 100,000 forints (a doctor's annual earnings), several peaceful demonstrations were brutally dispersed by the police.

The ghost of the 1956 "episode" is haunting again in the streets of Budapest, Warsaw, Prague, Bucharest, East Berlin and other cities in the eastern part of Central Europe occupied by the Soviet Union.

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An appeal for funds to build a new Hospital for Sick Children on its old site in Great Ormond Street was launched by a four-page section in The Times. In addition to this article others were provided by prominent writers such as Vita Sackville-West and Bernard Darwin (who wrote on Dickens's children). The sum sought to reconstruct the hospital was £400,000.

EPIC AFTERNOONS: A Reminiscence and an Appeal By J. B. PRIESTLEY

The clocks tick away now as they did thirty years ago, and Greenwich is still Greenwich. Nevertheless, time is not the same. When I think about my childhood, it is this change in the dimensions of time that most impresses me.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 19: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, Grenadier Guards, gave a Reception for the Grenadier Guards Regimental Association Branch Secretaries at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.
The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give an evening reception for members of the diplomatic corps on November 26.
The Duke of Edinburgh will give the London lecture to the inner London branches of the British Institute of Management and attend a luncheon at Hudson's Bay House, 7 Upper Thames Street, on November 26.

\$42m paid for 67 modern art works

A sale in New York of 67 Impressionist and modern paintings and sculptures totalled more than \$42 million.
Seven, which between them produced \$11,935,000, or \$231,034, came from the collection of the late James Johnson Sweeney, a former director of paintings and sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art.

American collector paid \$2,530,000, or £1,744,828, for Mr Sweeney's version which featured three hand prints in the composition. These have provoked almost as many explanations as there are modern art critics.
In the mixed property session which followed there were new auction records for a Renoir and Henry Moore, whose London memorial service also took place on Tuesday.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr R.J. Ashleigh and Dr V.H. Owen-Smith
The engagement is announced between Dr R.J. Ashleigh, eldest son of Mr L. Ashleigh and Mrs B. Ashleigh, of London, and Victoria, elder daughter of Dr M.S. and Dr A.M. Owen-Smith, of Huntingdon.
Mr P.J. Barratt and Miss A. Miles
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr W. Crags and Mrs W. Crags, of 2 Woodside Road, New Malden, and Alice, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F.S. Miles, of Paotydaufryn, Llandeilo, Dyfed.



A wave from Princess Caroline of Monaco on the principality's national day as she shows off her daughter Charlotte, who was born on August 3. With her is Prince Albert, her brother.

Birthdays today

Mr M.C. Alexander, 66; Mr Denis Allport, 64; Mr Peter Archer, QC, MP, 60; the Hon Hugh Astor, 66; Mr Alistair Cooke, 78; Sir Alan Goodison, 60; Miss Dulcie Gray, 66; Mr Aubrey Jones, 75; Mr Bobby Locke, 69; Sir Rex Niven, 88; Sir David Price, MP, 62; Mr A.M. Rees, 74; Professor Sir Austin Robinson, 89; Sir Reginald Sharpe, QC, 88; Sir William Walker, 81; Viscount Ward of Willby, 79; Sir Edgar Williams, 74.

Marriage

Mr C.J.C. Hilling and Miss S.J. Lousada
The engagement is announced between Mr C.J.C. Hilling, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hilling, of Eynsham, Oxford, and Teresa Gilmore, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Philip Marshall, of Bowshayes, Cretney, Sherborne, Dorset.

Memorial service

Sir Peter Kent
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Peter Kent was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Mr G.F. Skelton read the lesson and Mr F.G. Larminie gave an address.

Luncheon

Royal College of Surgeons of England
Mr Ian Todd, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, entertained the following at luncheon at the college yesterday: Sir Barrie Heath, Mr Antony R. Pilkington, Mr F. Roger Hann and Mr Peter H. Lord.

Reception

Kenwright & Cox
A reception was held at the Law Society's Hall on Monday, November 17, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Kenwright & Cox, solicitors.

Dinners

Central Council of Physical Recreation
The Duke of Edinburgh was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given by the Central Council of Physical Recreation and the Institute of Sports Sponsorship at Grosvenor Hall yesterday.

Prince Georg of Denmark

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Prince Georg of Denmark will be held in Westminster Abbey at 5 pm on Monday, December 1, 1986.

Richmond Tutorial College

Mr Carver Palmer, founding Principal of Richmond Tutorial College, announces the following elections and awards for Hilary Term 1987.

Latest wills

Mr John Denholm, of Ongar, Essex, left estate valued at £282,701 net. Among other bequests he left £100,000 to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and £30,000 each to Age Concern England, Help the Aged, the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association, the Save the Children Fund and the Abbeyfield Society.

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Dr Duncan M. Geddes, consultant physician at Brompton Hospital, London, to be honorary consultant in diseases of the chest to the Army in succession to Dr E E F Keal, who has retired.

OBITUARY

DR J. W. BRUEGEL
German-Czech democrat and historian

Dr J. W. Bruegel, outstanding among democratic and anti-Nazi members of the Sudeten German community in Czechoslovakia, and later, as an exile in Britain, acclaimed as a historian, died on November 15. He was 81.
Johann Wolfgang Bruegel was born on July 3, 1895, in a small Moravian town where his father was a judge. He was educated at the Deutsches Gymnasium in Brno and at the University of Prague where he graduated as a doctor of law.

MR RICHARD ARMITAGE

Mr Richard Armitage, agent and impresario, died on November 17. He was 58.
Inheriting a music-publishing company from his father, the composer Noel Gray, he built up over thirty years what is now claimed to be the biggest television and representational agency in Europe.
He also had the satisfaction of reviving his father's 1930s musical, Me and My Girl, and of seeing it become a major hit on both sides of the Atlantic.

BILLY DAINTY

Billy Dainty, versatile popular entertainer, died yesterday at the age of 59.
In an age of instant stars, he was one of the last of the genuine music-hall artists, and, notwithstanding his success on television, he always acknowledged his debt to the stage.

THE SPIRIT TO WIN

Advertisement for White Horse Scotch Whisky. Text includes: 'At the end of the second series of races in the America's Cup, White Crusader is well placed in fifth position. Skipper Harold Cudmore said: "There are four boats effectively equal and the number of points between them is less than the points awarded in the next round. Four boats are fighting for two places. We will be one of them!"' and 'To celebrate White Crusader's successes to date, White Horse Scotch Whisky are offering £1.00 off a 75cl bottle of White Horse America's Cup Blend Scotch Whisky (normal price £9.99) at any Peter Dominic store. Just cut out the coupon and take it to your nearest branch.'

Advertisement for White Horse Scotch Whisky featuring a bottle and a glass. Text includes: '£1 OFF' and 'THE EXCLUSIVE LORD LICHFIELD 1987 AMERICA'S CUP CALENDAR'.

Handwritten signature or date: 'D. J. ... 1986'

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET FT 30 Share 1258.8 (-12.8) FT-SE 100 1604.3 (-13.2) Bargains 26360 (23762) USM (Datastream) 128.57 (-0.5) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4215 (-0.0025) W German mark 2.8515 (-0.0136) Trade-weighted 68.0 (-0.2)

100 PEPs registered

More than 100 companies have registered with the Inland Revenue to run Personal Equity Plans. Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced yesterday.

Seag system down again

Trading via the Stock Exchange's Seag market making system was again disrupted yesterday due to a hardware problem in one of the computers.

Advana ahead

Avana Group yesterday announced results for the six months to the end of September 1986. Pretax profits increased from £8.3 million to £8.8 million on turnover under 1 per cent higher at £97.8 million.

Splitting up

General Electric and Rolls-Royce have ended their revenue-sharing agreement set up in 1984 for the reciprocal development of engines.

No referral

CE Heath's proposed acquisition of Fielding Insurance Holdings, and the proposed acquisition by Hambros of an approximate 16 per cent stake in Heath, will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mexico loan

The World Bank has released \$300 million (£211 million) to Mexico as the first part of a \$500 million trade policy loan approved in July.

Move to bank

Mr Ian Tegner, finance director of Bowater Industries, joins the Midland Bank in January as group finance director.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS New York Dow Jones 1820.02 (+2.81) Tokyo Nikkei Dow 17283.81 (+10.28) Hang Kong Hang Kong 2242.34 (-6.83) Amsterdam Gen 278.7 (-1.8) Sydney AO 1336.8 (+21.0) Frankfurt DAX 3923.53 (-41.42) Brussels General 3784.4 (-0.7) Paris CAC 3784.4 (-0.7) Zurich SCA Gen 543.60 London FT-A 1015.0 FT-Gilt 80.76 (-0.69) Closing prices Page 31

INTEREST RATES London Bank Base 11% 3-month interbank 11 1/2% 3-month variable bills 10 3/4% buying rate US Prime Rate 7 1/2% Federal Funds 7 1/2% 3-month Treasury Bill 5.34-5.32% 30-year bonds 100%-100 1/2%

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Second suspect dealing case referred to DTI

A new case of suspected insider dealing on the London stock market is to be referred to the Department of Trade and Industry, the Stock Exchange said yesterday. Scrimgeour Vickers, the same stockbroking firm involved in the Collier case which is now under DTI investigation, last week received a suspect share-buying order from an employee of British & Commonwealth, the investment company, and reported it to the Stock Exchange.

Europe front organizations in Boesky investigation

The American insider trading investigation is spreading overseas rapidly as officials attempt to track the activities of Mr Ivan Boesky to see whether he used his British wife and other possible "front" organizations to make illegal share deals, industry sources said yesterday. Mr Boesky, who has agreed to pay \$100 million (£70 million) in settlement of civil damages for insider trading, is said to have used European sources increasingly over the past few years to acquire positions in companies that were takeover targets.

Electra lifts assets by £19m

Electra Investment Trust, which has more than half its portfolio in unquoted companies, increased its net assets from £293 million to £312 million in the six months to September 30. Net assets per share - adjusted to reflect share options and warrants - increased by 5.98 per cent to 200.65p.

Bid speculation as second group takes stake in RHM

Speculation mounted yesterday that a bid for the British food manufacturing group Rank Hovis McDougall was in the offing as it became clear that a second antipodean company has a sizeable shareholding. Following the publication yesterday of RHM's annual results, Mr Stanley Metcalfe, the group's managing director, announced that the New Zealand group, Fletcher Challenge, has a 4.9 per cent stake. In August this year, S and W Berisford sold shares, which now accounts for 14.3 per cent of RHM's equity, to the Australian food manufacturing group, Goodman Fielder.



Sam Whitbread: opening a pub a day (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Whitbread's £79m brew

Whitbread made pretax profits in the six months to August 30 of £79.8 million, up 17.4 per cent. Brewing and retailing showed good profit increases, but earnings from wines and spirits were down 21 per cent at £11.5 million. The interim dividend was raised 11.1 per cent to 2.5p.

Hambros buys 4.1% of Heath

Hambros, the merchant banking group, has moved to secure its sale of Fielding Insurance to CE Heath by buying 1.33 million shares in Heath, or 4.1 per cent, at 505p a share, more than 20p above the prevailing market price. The stake came from the Prudential Corporation and was also offered to PWS Holdings, the rival suitor for Heath. PWS turned it down.

Growth picks up strongly in Britain and the US

Economic growth in Britain picked up strongly in the third quarter, according to government figures. The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, said yesterday that this proved that the pause in the recovery was over. Meanwhile, the American economy expanded at a respectable 2.9 per cent annual rate in the third quarter, slightly faster than originally estimated, the Department of Commerce said.

AE asks T & N for details on disease claims

Freshfields, legal adviser to the engineering group, AE, has asked Turner & Newall for full details of its exposure to claims concerning asbestos-related disease which in 1978 amounted to \$2.8 billion. It is understood that Freshfields is seeking further information because AE's board considers that information so far provided by T & N, currently making a hostile £271 million takeover bid for AE, is "seriously deficient". T & N has persistently refused to disclose the total extent of the current claims outstanding against it on the grounds that to do so could be commercially damaging.

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Advertisement for John Charcol mortgage services. Text: "Wouldn't it be marvellous if you could choose how much you pay each month in mortgage repayment? It is possible. John Charcol's new flexible mortgage is quite unique. It combines the advantages of a fixed interest/floating interest mortgage with the possibility of reducing the monthly payment without prior notice. Unlike other mortgages, which either have a fixed interest rate or one that floats up and down depending on the market, our new mortgage gives you a choice. You may opt for a floating rate and then change your mortgage to a fixed rate at a month's notice. More interesting, you may opt to defer up to 30% of the payments whenever you wish. This means you can choose to pay less if the interest rate rises. Or if your other commitments rise. If your other expenses come down, or your income climbs temporarily you may opt to pay more. Our new mortgage is available to everyone who is looking to borrow between £15,000 and £250,000, up to 3.5 times a single income. It is available to purchase properties up to 100% of their value, although sums up to 70% can be borrowed without a status enquiry. In short, if your income is flexible, if your outgoings are flexible, if you just don't know enough about your future earnings, or even if you just don't want to be tied down to a fixed monthly repayment, then our new mortgage is for you. Telephone us on 01-589 7080 for our brochure or to make an appointment." Logo: John Charcol

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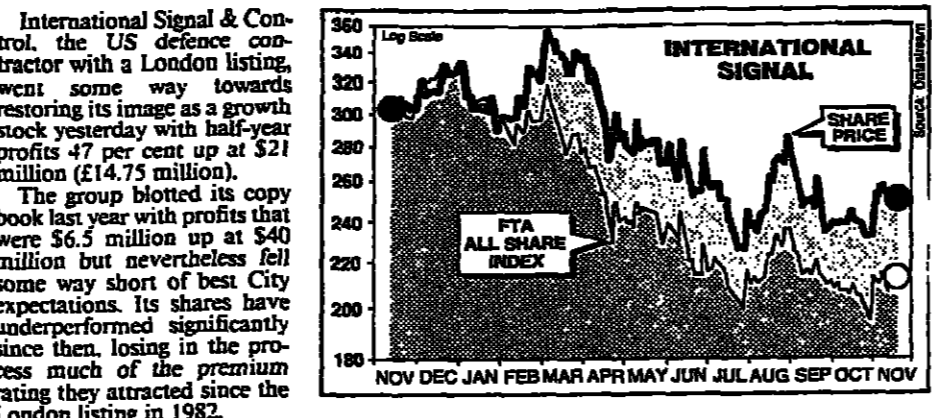
Fall continues at start

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares, in early trading yesterday, continued the slide that began on Monday in reaction to the widening insider trading scandal. Shares associated with takeovers and restructuring were the worst hit.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, AIG, Allied Signal) and their prices for Nov 18 and Nov 17.

International Signal sends reassuring result

By John Bell, City Editor



International Signal & Control, the US defence contractor with a London listing, went some way towards restoring its image as a growth stock yesterday with half-year profits 47 per cent up on \$21 million (£14.75 million).

Channon to pressure Japanese

Renewed pressure will be applied to Japan next week to open up its financial markets to British players. It will happen during the first official visit by Mr Paul Channon, Trade and Industry Secretary.

Sturge in talks to buy Wise Speke

By Alison Eadie

Sturge Holdings, the largest independent underwriting agency group at Lloyd's and the only publicly quoted one, is in takeover talks with Wise Speke, the Newcastle-based firm of stockbrokers.

Commissions safe under new rules

By Lawrence Lever

Financial intermediaries will still be able to earn large commissions from selling life assurance, if proposals put forward yesterday by the Life and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation are adopted.

COMPANY NEWS

SCOTTISH CITIES INVESTMENT TRUST: The final dividend is 19p, making 26p (23p) for the year to September 30 (figures in pounds) franked investment income group company 10.363 (15,000) related companies 196,114 (196,114).

ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT STOCK

The Bank of England announces that Her Majesty's Treasury has created on 18th November 1986, and has issued to the Bank, additional amounts as indicated of each of the Stocks listed below:

APPOINTMENTS

Lesser: Mr Mervyn Lesser has become non-executive chairman. Temperature: Mr D G Gilbey is to be managing director.

Table with columns for company names (e.g., Agnco, Alcan, Alcoa) and their share prices for Nov 18 and Nov 17.



Is the writing on the wall for special sector funds?

Investment fashions - geographical, industrial, sectional - may come and go. The beauty of growth is here to stay. That's what the FS Balanced Growth Fund was set up to achieve.

No 1 unit trust over the 2 years to end September 1986 (Money Management). So as our performance with the FS Balanced Growth Fund proves, we concentrate on consistent growth time after time.

SKF Interim statement. Group sales for the 9 months January to September 1986 amounted to 15,302 million Swedish kronor. Profit was 1,073 million after financial income and expense.

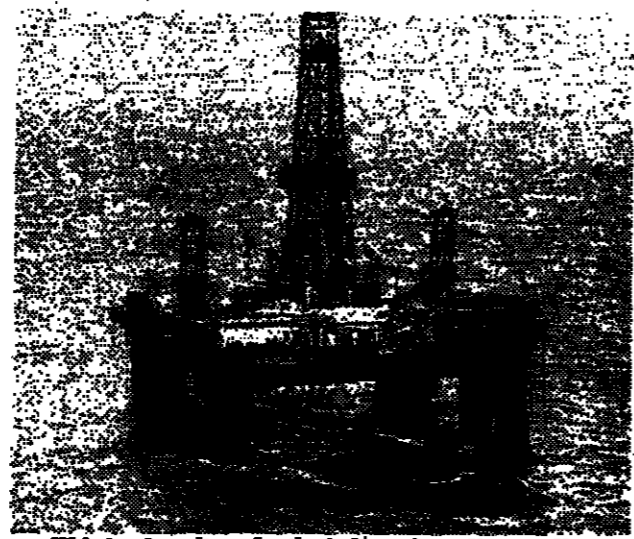
ECONOMIC VIEW

Price on use of pipeline vital to competition in gas

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The more competitive world into which British Gas is about to emerge has already begun to sharpen its claws on the company. A large American oil company recently entered negotiations with a potential industrial customer on Humberside for the direct supply of gas in competition with the state-owned corporation.

monopoly, then the control which was formerly exercised by the Government as both owner and customer representative has to be replaced by something else. Much the best way of exercising control is to let the market do it for you through competition.



This is where hope for the independents lives or dies. A company with a virtual monopoly in a particular industry might have relatively little market power if other traders could set up in competition at any moment without much financial or human investment.

investment and no more. However, Mr James McKinnon, the Director General, refuses to speculate further on what is a reasonable return until he is faced with a specific appeal.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Markets still hanker for EMS discipline

The markets should not have been surprised at Mrs Thatcher's latest assertion of her veto of sterling's entry into the exchange rate mechanism (ERM) of the European Monetary System before the next election. Yet the pound fell sharply early in the day, gilt-edged lost 1 1/4 points and the discount houses scurried for cover.

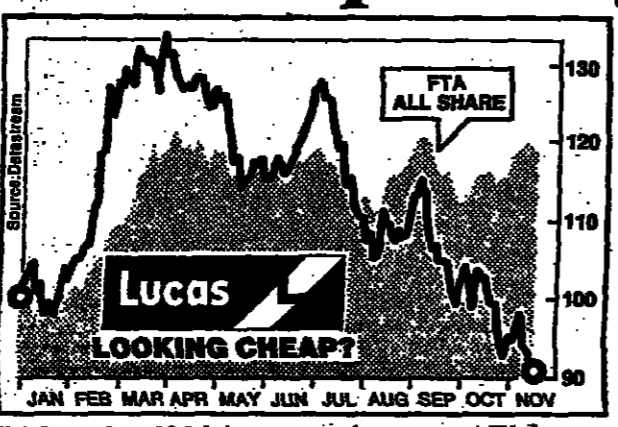
this situation. Impressions of permissiveness in Downing Street are self-fulfilling. A timely study by Dr Gerard Lyons, of the securities group, Savory Millin, raises the interesting possibility that Mrs Thatcher's latest "no" may not be the end of the matter.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Tate & Lyle lifts its Berisford stake in £14m spending spree

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Tate & Lyle, Britain's biggest sugar producer, is stepping up the pressure on its Italian rival, Ferruzzi, in the battle to win control of S & W Berisford, the commodity trading group which owns British Sugar.



By the close they had picked up more than 4 million in a £14 million spending spree, raising Tate & Lyle's stake in the beleaguered company to almost 15 per cent. Berisford shares responded by leaping 12p to 284p.

million from English China Clays, recovered an early fall to close all-square at 146p. But talk that Tarmac had approached Bryant to try an negotiate an agreed counter-bid is off beam.

The kindest cuts of all

The Prime Minister's admission that she is considering reducing the top rate of income tax from 60 per cent to 50 per cent is symptomatic of how the pattern of tax reform worldwide has moved on since the Conservatives brought down the top rate from 83 per cent to 60 per cent in their first Budget in June 1979.

every 5 per cent, from 40 per cent to 60 per cent. Bringing down the top rate would not be very demanding of revenue. It would be more demanding of political capital.

The Prime Minister in her interview in the Financial Times was careful to emphasize that "the most urgent thing at the moment is the people at the bottom."



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Ranks Hovis McDougall profits up by 28% to £90.8 million

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Our profits from milling and baking rose to £35.4 million, an increase of 45%.



And our profits on groceries and food products increased to £25.2 million, up by 40%.

The Group's profit before taxation for the financial year to 30 August 1986 rose by 28% to £90.8m compared with £70.8m for the previous year. External sales increased from £1,314m to £1,414m.

This further substantial increase in profits over 1985 was due to improvements in all aspects of the Group's business. Mr Kipling, our packaged cake business, again produced excellent results. The Grocery division achieved record profits, helped by the development of new products, successes in its soft drinks business and recent acquisitions.

Our milling and bread baking interests jointly achieved profits considerably ahead of last year, within which British Bakeries produced results which amply justify the investment programme embarked upon some five years ago.

The General Products division, operating in such diverse markets as dairy products, mushrooms, chocolate, food mixes and pasta, showed further improvement and its growing retail catering operations recorded excellent results.

Results from our Overseas operations were ahead of last year with a return to encouraging profits from the United States. Profits emanating from the Pacific Region were likewise ahead, but in sterling terms, suffered from adverse exchange movements and were marginally down on 1985.

The directors recommend a final dividend of 4.49 pence per Ordinary share, an increase of 30 per cent over last year's final dividend.

With the interim dividend already paid, dividends total 6.61 pence per share, making an increase of 25 per cent in the total dividends for the year.

Chairman, Sir Peter Reynolds, said:-

Trading results for the first two months of our year are well ahead of last year and I expect this encouraging trend to continue.

RESULTS IN BRIEF	1986	1985
External sales	£1,414m	£1,314m
Profit before taxation	£90.8m	£70.8m
Funds employed	£532m	£512m
Return on funds employed	20.1%	17.0%
Net tangible assets per Ordinary share	£1.04	£0.95
Earnings per Ordinary share	20.7p	15.5p
Dividends per Ordinary share	6.61p	5.29p

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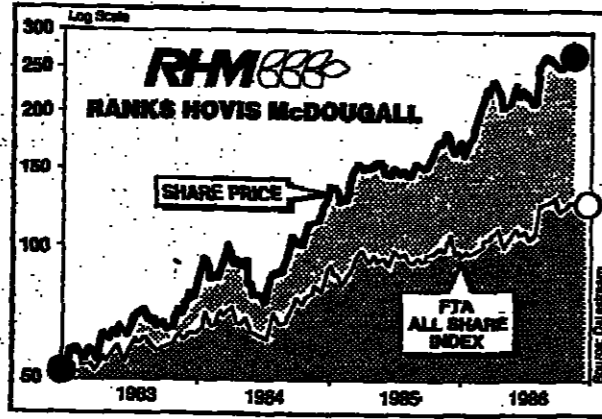
The 1986 Annual Report will be available from 9 December. If you wish to have a copy please write to: The Secretary, Ranks Hovis McDougall PLC, P.O. Box 178, Alma Road, Windsor, Berks SL4 3ST.

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RHM prepares for a big acquisition

Yesterday was a red letter day at Ranks Hovis McDougall. The managing director, Stanley Metcalf, unveiled an impressive set of annual figures on the 30th anniversary of his arrival at the company...



Avana Group

'We told you so' rang out in the City yesterday following the announcement of Avana's interim results and a 30p fall in the share price to 50.4p.

Looking forward to the full year, it looks as if this former whizz-kid of the food manufacturing sector will be hard pressed to beat last year's pretax profits of £20 million.

Whitbread's interim profits were slightly ahead of market expectations and were additionally flattened by accounting changes.

profits above the line and the capitalization of £1 million of interest swelled the pretax figure to £79.8 million.

The major boost to the figures came from brewing. Profits were 13.8 per cent higher on turnover up 7.3 per cent.

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table with columns: First Dealings, Last Dealings, Last Dealings, For Settlement. Lists various financial instruments and their prices.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table with columns: Euro Money Deposits %, Gold, ECGD. Lists interest rates for various currencies and gold prices.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table with columns: Market rates, Other Sterling Rates, Dollar Spot Rates. Lists exchange rates for various currencies.

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns: Company Name, Price, Yield. Lists recent stock issues and their details.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Table with columns: Series, Calls, Puts, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec. Lists options for various companies.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table with columns: Three Month Sterling, Dec 86, Mar 87, Jun 87, Sep 87, Dec 87, Mar 88. Lists futures prices for various periods.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table with columns: Bank Name, Rate. Lists base lending rates for various banks.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information, including columns for fund names, managers, and performance metrics. It is organized into several sections such as 'ASSET UNIT TRUST MANAGERS', 'GENERAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS', and 'SPECIALIST INVESTMENT MANAGERS'.

The prices in this section refer to Tuesday's trading

UNLISTED SECURITIES table with columns for company names, prices, and other financial data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS table with columns for trust names, prices, and other financial data. Includes sub-sections for 'COMMODITIES' and 'FINANCIAL TRUSTS'.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E are calculated on the middle price

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

November 20, 1986

For the past 200 years Britain has been a manufacturing nation...

Furthermore, many services are geared to the performance of manufacturing...

Today no company can sit back and rely on methods which might have served well 20 or even 10 years ago...

If we are to compete, as we must, we need to have innovative design, high-quality, reliable and attractive products...

These will feature in the largest ever demonstration of what is now possible...

can we face the long-term future with confidence. In recent years the go-ahead British companies have improved their performance...

According to a recent Engineering Computers survey, there has been a remarkable rate of growth of investment in computing for manufacturing systems...

Crucial to this move towards computer-integrated manufacturing is the ability of equipment from different computer and equipment vendors to communicate...

These will feature in the largest ever demonstration of what is now possible, in the CIMAP event at the National Exhibition Centre...

British managers in manufacturing have the technology and techniques to meet today's targets, says John Butcher



Birmingham, from December 1 to 5. CIMAP, which the Department of Trade and Industry is sponsoring, is an opportunity for senior managers to appreciate the scope for improving their company performance...

I recommend a visit to CIMAP for anyone intending to be part of the manufacturing scene as we move into the next century. If CIMAP demonstrates the importance of communication between machines, then it is also vital to have effective human communications between branches of a company.

Companies need to use the tools modern technology makes available. These provide the means for

managing information within the company in an integrated and effective way. All functions within a manufacturing operation - design, finance, marketing, production, maintenance and so on - need to intercommunicate if the company is to perform well.

Salesmen need accurate tenders and delivery information to serve their customers. Accountants need precise manufacturing costs to support financial control and management. Designers need to work closely with marketing and production staff to ensure that goods that will sell are of the right quality at the right price.

By implementing this approach, companies can make considerable improvements in their performance and substantial savings, often for a very modest outlay. For example, in one Lucas company

stock turnover has doubled, manufacturing lead times have been cut by a factor of five, rejects are down by 70 per cent and productivity is up 30 per cent by following this total systems approach. We are now in a world where the technology is widely available; the competitive edge comes from how it is exploited.

Ultimately, of course, success depends on the quality of the management and workforce: high levels of skill are needed both to organize the company into an effective team and to manage the hardware and the information that is the lifeblood of the enterprise. Many companies have already taken steps along this road. Others are still only starting out on the changes that are needed. These changes are not always easy.

Little progress can be made without the endorsement of top management regenerating the whole manufacturing enterprise. They must motivate everyone to recognize where the company stands against its competitors, what strategic targets should be set and how they can be achieved. Easier said than done. And the demand for good manufacturing systems engineers is growing apace. Some companies may have these skills in-house; others will have to employ consultants to help them.

There is a high and growing demand for this new breed of engineers who will possess skills in production engineering, systems engineering, and computing com-

bined with an awareness of mechanical and electronic engineering methods. Manufacturing systems engineers have not been produced by the traditional production and mechanical engineering course. New and more relevant multi-disciplinary courses have appeared at universities and polytechnics as a result of a strong steer from industry.

However, my own work on the IT Skills Shortages Committees and surveys by National Economic Development Office and the Engineering Council have suggested that we shall need many more engineers with this broad range of skills - perhaps half as many again.

Of course, entry level qualifications are not the end of the story. The rapid pace of change in production methods and technology means that training and education must continue throughout working life with individuals updating and upgrading their skills or changing them to new patterns of demand.

Some of this continuing educational training (CET) will be provided by the public educational sector and there is a range of options including the Open University's continuing education course on manufacturing and industrial applications of computers, where people can take the most relevant modules at their workplace.

There is also a growing number of Master of Science courses for those who are able to spend some time away from work. But the prime responsibility for CET rests within companies and it is within companies that the bulk of training occurs. Companies such as Jaguar operate comprehensive programmes of training at all levels including top management, strategically planned to meet the company's skill requirements over the longer term. Such a commitment to training has a dramatic impact on competitiveness and I should like to see all UK companies aspiring to the standards of the best in this field.

The technology on which a modern manufacturing enterprise must be based is increasingly available at a price that can be afforded, and people capable of understanding it, though still in short supply, are becoming available. But perhaps the greatest challenge is to the top managers, the decision-makers in UK manufacturing companies. The responsibility lies within them, supported where necessary by government, to use to the full the opportunities that the new technology and new management techniques provide. I am confident that this is a challenge to which they will prove themselves more than equal.

John Butcher is an Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry.

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VOLLEYBALL

A testing time for Rucanor's record

By a Correspondent

Speedwell Rucanor's rebuilding programme over the last three years looks set to pay dividends this season in the shape of the men's first division title in the Royal Bank English League...

There are three unbeaten teams in the men's first division of the Royal Bank Scottish League, but that will change on Saturday when two of them, Krystal Klear, from Ardrossan, the champions, and Bellshill Cardinals meet head on...

English League table with columns for P, W, L, D, F, A, Pts. Lists teams like Speedwell, Malory, Polonia, Leeds, Spark, Redwood, Liverpool C, Poole, Newcastle, Capital City, Portsmouth, Colchester.

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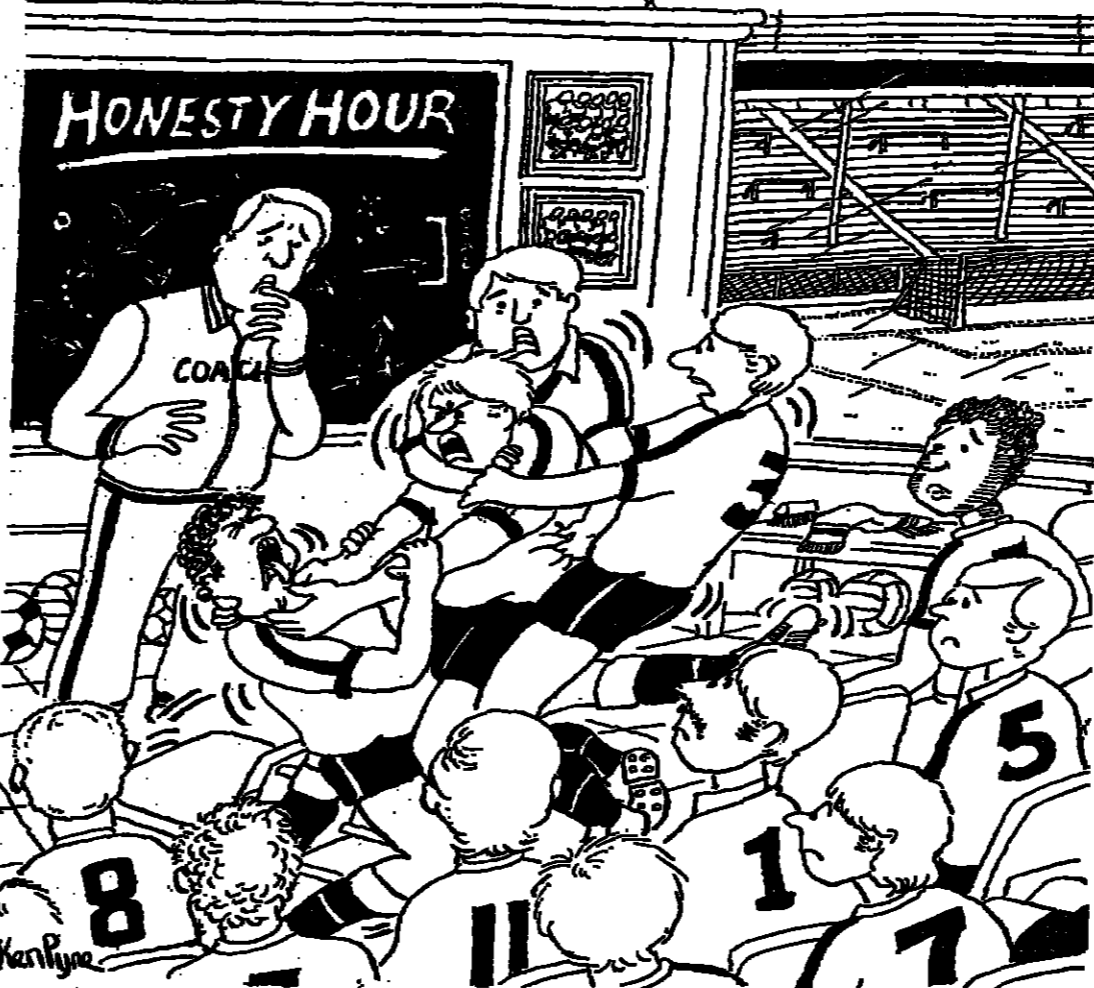
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Plain speaking can make a winning team

The winning factor in sport so often is team spirit. Having it, as Liverpool have it, is the platform for success. Not having it, as Somerset apparently did not have it, is the way towards defeat. How can that elusive spirit be captured? John Syer provides the clues in two articles in The Times. Syer, a sports psychologist who has worked with footballers, cyclists, rugby players, cricketers and volleyball players, is the author of a new book on the team experience. Here, he explains how conflict can be channelled into creativity.



The first option creates stress and keeps team spirit at a low ebb but just maintains the status quo. The second option is effective to begin with but drives ill-feeling and conflict underground...

Hidden difficulties can undermine a team's potential. Any team in any sport is made up of individuals with different backgrounds of experience, different patterns of behaviour, different ways of seeing the same event.

The most successful coaches are able to show that they care. In fact, two different coaches, equally adept at assessing ability, will usually choose different teams. When I stopped coaching the Scottish volleyball team...

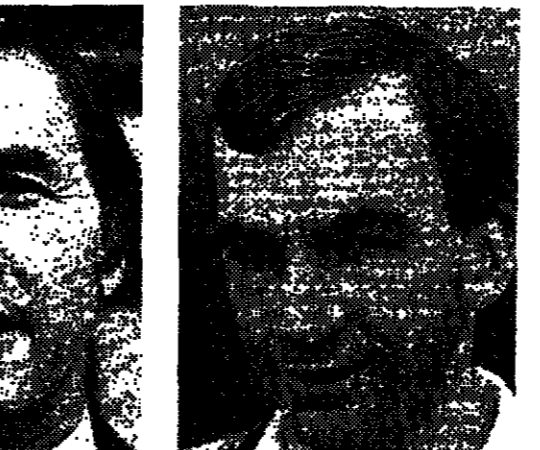
Team Spirit: The Elusive Experience by John Syer. The building of the element that everybody wants: confidence. The coach also needs to insist that players start their sentences by "I feel that..." not "we..." or "the team..."

Criticism should be meaningful and acceptable. Once he has selected those athletes who are most gifted individually, the coach has a finite group but not yet a team. In all probability, the group thrown up by such a selection process will contain several points of potential conflict...

Each player has an emotional as well as tactical role. The second article of faith required of a coach wishing to select a team on ability alone is that conflict can be creative. Although he knows he discovers a little more about his players each time they meet their opponents...

Tomorrow. The building of the element that everybody wants: confidence. The coach also needs to insist that players start their sentences by "I feel that..." not "we..." or "the team..."

Revolutionary change needed. Bewilderment and anger seem to be replacing resignation as Britain's pundits reflect on the humiliation inflicted by the Australians at both club and international level.



Perryman: "Honesty" exercise. Burkinshaw: Difficult decisions. Roebuck: Familiarity problems.

Navratilova settles her score with Lindqvist

Martina Navratilova was determined to take an exacting revenge on Catarina Lindqvist for the four match points held against her in Stuttgart last month, and did so with a 6-3, 6-0 victory in the first round of the Virginia Slims championships in New York.

Selection tour for top men

Britain's top men will spend five weeks in Australia in preparation for the European Team Cup in January and the Davis Cup first round tie in Mexico next March.

Rugby League Diary

minimal protection. David Howes, the League's public relations officer, says that given a reasonable five-figure attendance at Wigan on Saturday, receipts for the three matches will top half a million pounds for the first time ever.

Gymnastics: Competing against perfection

Blanka Panova, of Bulgaria, the joint European champion, heads a field of distinguished rhythmic gymnasts from eight countries at the Erey's International at Wembley Conference Centre on Saturday.

Lightning win for surfer

Australia (AP) - Pierre Toste, the Mauritian surfer, qualified for a major international event in Newcastle just 24 hours after being struck by lightning.

Same Dorset

Dorset and Wilts, who pushed Devon, the group favourites, so hard last week before losing 16-13, keep the same side for their final Thom EMU county championship south west second division match with Oxfordshire at Wimbome on Saturday.

RACING

Versatile Accuracy to relish Haydock trip

By Mandarin
Accuracy, who hails from a stable in superb form and whose fitness is guaranteed from the Flat, can take advantage of her lenient mark in the Coral Golden Hurdle Qualifier at Haydock Park this afternoon.



Motivator, seen here jumping the last on his way to victory in the Coral Golden Hurdle Final at Cheltenham in March, is a leading fancy for today's Coral qualifier at Haydock

Forgive'n Forget puts trainer on top of the world

By Michael Seely
Forgive'n Forget is top quoted at 5-1 to repeat his 1985 victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup after beating Cyrenaicum with conspicuous ease in the second season of the race.

HAYDOCK PARK

Selections
By Mandarin
1.00 Ferret Hope. 2.30 Knock Hill.
1.30 Fernbach. 3.00 Withy Bank.
2.00 Melendez. 3.30 Accuracy.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.30 Motivator.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 MELENDEZ.

Going: good to soft

Table of race results for Haydock Park, including race numbers, names of horses and jockeys, and their finishing positions.

FORM

CADEBY (11-0) ran respectably on hurdling debut when 2nd 5/8 to Charmalson GMI (10-9) at Southwell on Oct 16. FERRIVET MORE needed race on reopener when...

2.0 NORTHERN JUNIOR HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,634: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

Race card for Northern Junior Hurdle, listing horses, jockeys, and odds.

FORM

MELLENDEZ (11-9) produced best to beat Millford Guy (11-9) 1/2 at Cheltenham (2m, 2:18.16, good, Nov 7, 7 m). Accuracy (11-9) beat...

Course specialists

Table listing trainers and jockeys with their win percentages and number of winners.

KEMPTON PARK

Selections
By Mandarin
12.45 Whiskey Eyes. 2.15 Freemason.
1.05 TOM FORESTER (nap). 2.45 Ishkomann.
1.45 Castle Warden. 3.15 Astral.

By Michael Seely
1.45 Castle Warden. 2.15 FREEMASON (nap).

Going: soft

12.45 STAINES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (22,001: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

Race card for Staines Conditional Jockeys Handicap Chase.

1.15 MOTORWAY NOVICE HURDLE (21,643: 2m 11 runners)

Race card for Motorway Novice Hurdle.

1.45 LUTHER HURDLE CHASE (22,814: 3m) (4 runners)

Race card for Luther Hurdle Chase.

Course specialists

Table listing trainers and jockeys for Kempton Park.

Guide to our in-line racecard

108 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,DF) (Mrs J Pyley) 8 Best 9-10-0 B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure race time. Owner in brackets. Age and sex. Rider plus any allowances. The Times Handicapper's rating. Appropriate starting course winner. D-Distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-bestever favourite in latest form.

2.30 H.L.H. TIMBER HANDICAP CHASE (23,874: 4m) (7 runners)

Race card for H.L.H. Timber Handicap Chase.

FORM

LUCKY VANE (12-5) 171-4th at Conqueror (11-7) at Devon (2m 11-7) previously (11-7) 1st 2nd to...

3.00 RAINFORD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (21,398: 2m 4f) (20 runners)

Race card for Rainford Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle.

FORM

QUICKSTEP (11-10) went some way towards repeating his novice form when 1st 2nd to...

3.30 CORAL GOLDEN HURDLE HANDICAP (Qualifier: £3,088: 2m 6f) (16 runners)

Race card for Coral Golden Hurdle Handicap.

FORM

MOTIVATOR, won the final of this event in March at Cheltenham, on reopener (11-10) 2nd...

2.15 FAIRVIEW HOME HANDICAP HURDLE (22,574: 2m) (11 runners)

Race card for Fairview Home Handicap Hurdle.

2.45 FLYOVER NOVICE CHASE (22,058: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

Race card for Flyover Novice Chase.

3.15 JUNIOR NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,826: 2m) (20 runners)

Race card for Junior Novice Hurdle.

Stan Mellor, whose Ten Of Spades looked such a good chancing prospect when winning at Ascot last week, unveiled another at Worcester yesterday in Deviner, who outstayed Ac Of Spies by three lengths in the Fred Milner Memorial Novices' Chase.

Inquiries held over

Today's inquiry into allegations of corruption against the Winchester trainer, Barry Stevens, has been postponed by the Jockey Club after a plea by the trainer's lawyers.

Haydock results

1.20 (2m 4f) 1. ARROW EXPRESS (D Murphy, 5-4 fav; 2. Merril Lee (P Leach, 3-1); 3. Andrew's Pride (C Gray, 50-1).

Worcester

1.15 (2m 4f) 1. BUTTON YUP LIP (R Duncanson, 5-4 fav; 2. Chester Hand (M Patten, 5-1); 3. Devenport (S Barke, 40-1).

TAUNTON

Selections
By Mandarin
12.30 The Ute. 1.0 Beech Grove. 1.30 Repetitive.
2.0 Tudor Road. 2.30 Elmstead. 3.0 Burns Lads. 3.30 Woodcock.

Going: headies - good to soft, chases - soft

12.30 HEADSCARP JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE (Div K: 3-Y-O: £367: 2m 1f) (9 runners)

Race card for Headscarp Juvenile Selling Hurdle.

1.00 NECKTIE NOVICE HURDLE (2511: 2m 1f) (14)

Race card for Necktie Novice Hurdle.

3.00 J.C.R. NEWS NOVICE CHASE (21,718: 2m 1f) (14)

Race card for J.C.R. News Novice Chase.

3.30 PROGRESSIVE NEWSAGENT HANDICAP HURDLE (22,253: 2m 1f) (16)

Race card for Progressive Newsagent Handicap Hurdle.

Course specialists

Table listing trainers and jockeys for Taunton.

Trainers: N Lee-Jackson, 5 winners from 9 runners, 55.6%; S Mellor, 5 from 11, 45.5%; R Hood, 11 from 32, 34.4%; M Powell, 28 from 104, 17.1%; L Kennard, 15 from 100, 15.0%; W Ward, 5 from 20, 25.0%.

Jockeys: P Nichols, 6 winners from 54 rides, 14.8%; P Richards, 12 from 53, 22.6%; P Hodge, 8 from 48, 16.7%; M Coleman, 7 from 57, 12.3%; P Powell, 5 from 53, 9.4%.

SPORT

League's report on hooliganism causes 'dismay'

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

The Football League is fighting stubbornly, but probably vainly, to stop the Government introducing a Bill to force clubs to have 100 per cent membership schemes as a part of the struggle against hooliganism.

terday when he said he had to "register some dismay that the League had not gone further down the road to 100 per cent membership schemes".



On top Down Under: Embury is congratulated on his hundredth Test wicket (Chris Matthews) as England move towards victory

Moods of Gattling and Border present a stark contrast

Being on the winning side in a Test match is not something England's present players have been too familiar with. After yesterday's success by seven wickets in the first Test match against Australia in Brisbane, Mike Gattling, the England captain, said: "I haven't been in a winning Test team for some time. My first victory as captain makes it even nicer. I won't be too disappointed if we carry on playing the Tests like we have this one."

big bones in this game was that five or six of us got good scores and there was one big hundred among them."

post-match press conference. "The attitude is excellent," he said. "We just disappointment at the result during a played our worst match for a long time."

MOTOR RALLYING

Salonen smiles his way home

By David Duffield

The sight of the Peugeot driver, Timo Salonen, smiling as he pulled off his crash hat at the end of the final special stage of the Lombard RAC Rally said it all. With only the simple 70-mile run from Margam down the M4 road section to the finish in Bath to cover he knew he had won what had been possibly the closest RAC Rally ever.

At the start of the last day only Iain Sloc secured the top three drivers. Salonen needed to win not only for the accolade of success in one of the most illustrious of world rallies but also to beat Lancia driver Markku Alen, who had started the day in second place only nine minutes behind.

It had been the longest day of the event. The first car was on the road and away from Liverpool at 3.30am. Overnight torrential rain had swollen the rivers, flooded roads and sent water cascading down the mountain sides in Wales.

The organizers also had problems. The River Dovey had flooded the road to a depth of two and a half feet at the Machynlleth bridge and they had to quickly re-route the rally to cross the river at a bridge seven miles upstream.

Although Markku Alen looked disappointed with the result subject to confirmation he is now leading the World Drivers' Championship with 104 points to Jaha Kankkunen's 101 points. Timo Salonen last year's champion now moves into third place with 63 points.

SNOOKER

Johnson trails

Joe Johnson, the world champion, was in serious trouble at the end of the first session of his second-round match in the £300,000 Tennents UK Open championship in Preston yesterday.

Johnson reached the interval in the best of 17 frames match trailing John Parrott, of Liverpool, 7-1 and needing something approaching a miracle to force his way back into contention.

It has been a dismal season so far for Johnson, of Yorkshire, who has been unable to reproduce the form that took him to an impressive 18-12 win over Steve Davis in the world championship final last May. He has won only three competitive matches since

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FOOTBALL

Porterfield facing baptism of fire at Aberdeen

By Hugh Taylor

Ian Porterfield, newly installed as manager of Aberdeen, faces a baptism of fire when he introduces himself to the Scottish premier division later this week.

Caernarfon staying at home Caernarfon Town, the Welsh non-League club, are to host their FA Cup second round tie against York City.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Appeal to the gods Hong Kong (AFP) - Hong Kong's hard-pressed football authorities have appealed to the gods in their desperation to bring back the crowds to the stadiums. The latest initiative to halt the slide in attendances came at the Hongkong Football Association headquarters where perplexed officials burnt joss sticks in front of offerings including a roast pig and a goose.

Golden girl

The leading young Soviet gymnast, Oksana Omelianchik, will be competing in the Kraft International at Wembley on December 20 and 21. The 16-year old was a member of the Soviet gold medal winning team in last year's world championships in Canada.

Second part

The Football Association have given the Multipart League the go-ahead to form a second division from next season. There will be promotion and relegation between the new division and the top divisions of both the North West Counties and Northern Counties East Leagues.

Hibs delay

Hibernian are to delay naming a successor to John Blackley, who resigned as manager on Monday, until next week at the earliest. A two-hour board meeting at Easter Road yesterday morning discussed the vacancy.

TENNIS

Navratilova strikes out British dates

From Barry Wood, New York

The Wimbledon champion, Martina Navratilova, plans to restrict her visits to Britain to just two weeks a year as a result of stinging new tax laws, which means that she will no longer enhance the fields at the pre-Wimbledon tournament at Eastbourne or the Pretty Polly Classic at Brighton.

Virginia Shims report, page 39 JOHANNESBURG: Jeremy Bates, of Britain, went close to putting out the top seed, Andres Gomez, of Ecuador, in the first round of the South African Open here yesterday (AFP reports).

SQUASH RACKETS

International schedules cause havoc in league

By Colin McQuillan

Increasing need for more careful international scheduling became evident on two fronts this week with early rounds of the Swiss Masters tournament in Zurich imposing obvious and sometimes expensive effects upon the American Express National League leadership race and later Swiss rounds potentially threatening entries for the National Championships.

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